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David Hutchinson, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 22, 1974
"Bird Slides Including Bear River Marsh"
By
William Gillespie

7:30 P.M. MDT Denver Museum of Natural History (New Auditorium - west side)

DECEMBER 1973 FIELD TRIPS

DECEMBER 1, Saturday. Castlewood Dam and Elizabeth. Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius, Leaders. (Sunny. Warm. 5 hours) Juanita Craig, Virginia Faxon, Jean Herron, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler. (20 Species)

2, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Ward Chadwick, Leader. (40-50°, 4½ hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Bill and Robert Gillespie, Thompson Marsh, Jack Reddall, Edie Trimmer. (30 Species)

8, Saturday, Christmas Count Scouting Trips.
Lower Deer Creek. Lynn Willcockson. (Clear) (14 Species)
North Turkey Creek. Bob Buttery, Leader. (Clear. Wind SW 10 mph. 25-40°. 6 hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Jim Cruse. (16 Species)
Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison. (38 Species)
Plum Creek. Ray Olson and David Hutchinson. (Clear and Warm, 5 hours) (25 Species)
Middle South Platte. Thompson Marsh. (Clear. Warm.) (21 Species)
Lower South Platte. Bob Reed, Leader. (Clear. Calm. 30-45°. 8½ hours) Bob Andrews, John and Joyce Cooper, David and Nancy Hattan. (42 Species)
Red Rocks, Morrison Park. George and Marie Shier. (Clear. Calm) (17 Species)

9, Sunday. Christmas Count Scouting Trips.
Double Head Mountain. Richard Pillmore, Leader. (Clear. 8 hours) Urling Cannon, Nancy Hurley, Hugh Kingery. (20 Species)
Upper Deer Creek. Sue Merrick. (Clear.) (16 Species)

13, Thursday. Christmas Count Scouting Trip.
Willow Creek. Patty Echelmeyer, (Clear. Warm. Then cloudy. 6½ hours) (29 Species)

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DECEMBER	1	2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	13
AREA	CDE	CCRA	LDC	NTC	LBC	PC	MSP	LSP	RRM	DHM	UDC	WC
HABITAT	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS	PLNS
Horned Grebe		1)										
Eared Grebe		1)										
Western Grebe	1 CCRA 12/1 JR	1)										
Pied-billed Grebe		1		1 Sloan's L 12/6 RE				1				
Great Blue Heron								7				5
Mute Swan										4 Bowles 12/13 DH		
Whistling Swan										(1 CCRA 12/22 JR		
Canada Goose		60			36			13				350
Snow Goose										3 Bowles 12/13 DH		
Mallard		10			39	2	1	92				75
Gadwall					26			100				
Pintail					6			6				6
Green-winged Teal					12		2					
American Widgeon					25	5		105				
Shoveler					2							10
Wood Duck										5 Upper Tule 12/13 DH		
Redhead					3							
Ring-necked Duck								46				
Canvasback								4				
Lesser Scaup					1							
Common Goldeneye		2										
Bufflehead					6							
Oldsquaw										1 Marston 12/16 JC		
Ruddy Duck	1 CCRA 12/1 Jr		1 Sloan's L 12/6,14,25 PE							3 Marston 12/13 DH		
Hooded Merganser										4 Marston 12/13 DH		
Common Merganser		3			3							
Red-breasted Merganser		2										

DECEMBER	1	2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	13
AREA	CDE	CCRA	LDC	NTC	LBC	PC	MSP	LSP	RRM	DHM	UDC	WC
HABITAT	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS	PLNS
Goshawk			1					1 Boulder 12/16 RW				
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1
Cooper's Hawk									1			
Red-tailed Hawk					1	3	1	4		1	1	
Harlan's Hawk						1	1					
Rough-legged Hawk		1	1		1	1		1				3
Ferruginous Hawk						1						1
Golden Eagle									1 Waterton 12/13 DH			
Bald Eagle								1a Marston 12/16 JC				
Marsh Hawk	1	2				1		1				
Prairie Falcon		1				1						
Pigeon Hawk						1						
Sparrow Hawk	2				3			3				1
Ring-necked Pheasant												1
American Coot		2			10			475				
Killdeer		1			8			4				
Common Snipe					4			1				
Herring Gull		12						7				
Ring-billed Gull		90			6	2		3				
Rock Dove	8	20			25	7		24	4			
Mourning Dove										1 CCRA 12/24 JR		
Pygmy Owl			1			1 Deer Creek Canyon 12/9 HK,RP,NH,UC						
Short-eared Owl		1										
Belted Kingfisher					3							
Red-shafted Flicker	2	1	1		5	2	3	8	3	1	1	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker									1 Waterton 12/12 DH			
Hairy Woodpecker	1 Wheatridge 12/18 PE 3									2	1	
Downy Woodpecker	1 Littleton 12/9 JT				1	2	2	5		1		
Horned Lark		6				1						
Blue Jay	2-3 Littleton 12/1-9 JT							3				
Steller's Jay	2		4	16					5	28	37	
Scrub Jay	4		3						1			3
Black-billed Magpie	10	12	19	34	34	55	35	18	2	2	1	32
Common Raven				4								2
Common Crow						1	6			2		
Black-capped Chickadee	10	2	1		3	7		11		4	20	8
Mountain Chickadee	2		2	18						63	86	
White-breasted Nuthatch								1		5	3	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2 Wheatridge all Mo. PE 4									1	1	
Pygmy Nuthatch	7			3						60		
Brown Creeper	1 Wheatridge All month PE			1	3			1		10	2	
Canon Wren									1			
Mockingbird												1
Robin	1-3 Littleton All month JT				1		20			1	1	
Townsend's Solitaire		3	3	7					1	4	5	
Cedar Waxwing	12 Wheatridge 12/10 1 12/18 PE							12				
Northern Shrike			1				1	1 CCRA 12/22 JR				1
Starling	13	10	1		57	18	6	105	6	1		85
Yellowthroat							1					
House Sparrow		10			5	42		120				105
Western Meadowlark	1	5	4		16	37	15	3				50
Red-winged Blackbird		25			40	1		5				22
Brewer's Blackbird								15				
Evening Grosbeak	20 Littleton All month JT							11		100	12	
Cassin's Finch				2								13
House Finch		22	30		9	75	4	620	8			
Pine Grosbeak											1	
Rosy Finch, sp											25	
Common Redpoll									2 Boulder 12/14 RW			
Pine Siskin	5	5		17								3
American Goldfinch		6						1				1
Lesser Goldfinch							1					
Red Crossbill				4								
Rufous-sided Towhee	2					3			3			
Slate-colored Junco	1			3	4			25	1			
Oregon Junco	10			5	15		10	8	55			3
Gray-headed Junco	28		2	7	1			2	6	20	2	
Tree Sparrow		12			14	32	24	95	25			2
Harris' Sparrow					2		1		1			
White-crowned Sparrow					3			5				
White-throated Sparrow								1				
Song Sparrow					8	3	1	30				3
Lapland Longspur	1 CCRA JR											
TOTAL SPECIES 101	20	30	14	16	38	25	21	42	17	20	16	29

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: Urling Cannon, John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echalmeyer, David Hutchinson, Nancy Hurley, Hugh Kingery, Richard Pillmore, Jack Reddall, Richard Weppner.

) Denotes last Denver area plains departure.
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DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1973

All observers provided satisfactory details of unusual birds. Observations of highly mobile birds were correlated as to time, place and direction flying. Several observation were regarded as duplicate sightings of the same bird. Count day weather was beautiful. It was a clear day ranging in temperature from 10 to 45°. The one limiting weather factor was the gusting wind which began in midmorning and continued for the rest of the day ranging from 0 to 40 mph. The mild weather prior to the count resulted in most of the bodies of water being partly or all open with numerous waterfowl being present. One hundred and four observers in 20 areas divided into 30 parties with an additional 26 observers at feeders logged 243 total party-hours, 176 on foot, 67 by car and an additional 88 at feeders. They traveled 654 total party-miles, 178 on foot and 476 by car. They reported 110 species(107 species plus 3 additional races) and about 23,728 total birds. Both total species and total individuals were high for the Denver Count. Three new species were added this year. A Barrow's Goldeneye was reported by Viona Wine, Ruth Ault and Dr. Crawford at Bowles Lake. A White-winged Scoter was observed at Kendricks Reservoir by Marion and Joe Borden and Mary Jane Schock. Thompson Marsh and Lucy Yee observed a Yellowthroat along the South Platte River just below the Waterton Reservoir. A fourth species was observed for the first time in the current count circle. The California Gull had been observed in 1950 in a slightly different count circle. Three California Gulls were observed by the Harold Holt party at a gravel pit along S. Federal Blvd. Species observed five or fewer times during the 22 years of the current count circle were: Red-throated Loon (2) SECOND COLORADO RECORD, White-fronted Goose (4), Snow Goose (5), Greater Scaup (5), Oldsquaw (2), Glaucous Gull (4), White-necked Raven(2), Lincoln's Sparrow (5). Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of times observed. The following species had the highest totals ever: Pied-billed Grebe, White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Goshawk, Golden Eagle, Red-shafted Flicker, Steller's Jay, Black-billed Magpie, Common Raven, White-necked Raven, Mountain Chickadee, Townsend's Solitaire, Starling, Evening Grosbeak, House Finch, Gray-headed Junco, Tree Sparrow, and Lincoln's Sparrow. The ten most numerous species were: Tree Sparrow, Starling, Canada Goose, Black-billed Magpie, Mallard, House Finch, Red-winged Blackbird, Oregon Junco, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Dove. Additional Species observed during count week, three days before and three days after count day were: Ruddy Duck, Bald Eagle, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Feeder observers increased in numbers as did their total observations.. Factors contributing to a successful 1973 Christmas count were favorable weather and more thorough coverage which was due to an increase in the number of areas, observers, parties and feeder observers. Hugh Kingery and I wish to express our appreciation to all the area leaders and all the observers participating in the count. Without your cooperation and support the Christmas count could not be accomplished.THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT PART I

AREA NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	5A	5B	6	7	7A	8
LOCALITY	RRP	LBC	MBL	LSP	MSPE	PC	MSPW	USP	LDC	UDC	STC
Red-throated Loon			1	SECOND	COLORADO	RECORD	— 3rd				
Pied-billed Grebe		3	5	5							
Great Blue Heron		4	1	2			2				
Mute Swan			6								
Canada Goose		270	1475	72							
White-fronted Goose			11								
Snow Goose			3								
Mallard		76	866	192		1					
Gadwall		25	24	35							
Pintail		4	75	6			1				
Green-winged Teal		14	4	1							
American Widgeon		15	305	42							
Shoveler		1	1								
Wood Duck			21		1						
Redhead		3	61								
Ring-necked Duck			66	14							
Canvasback			16								
Greater Scaup			2								
Lesser Scaup			13	1							
Common Goldeneye		4	110								
Barrow's Goldeneye			1								
Bufflehead		2	4				2				
Oldsquaw			1								
White-winged Scoter		1									
Hooded Merganser			10								
Common Mweganser		7	275					7			
Red-breasted Merganser			2								
Goshawk								1		1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1		1			
Cooper's Hawk	1			1							
Red-tailed Hawk		3	2	2		7	8		1	2	1
Harlan's Hawk			1		1	2	1				
Rough-legged Hawk				1	3	1	3		2		

AREA LOCALITY	1 RRP	2 LBC	3 MBL	4 LSP	5 MSPE	5A PC	5B MSPW	6 USP	7 LDC	7A UDC	8 STC
Ferruginous Hawk					1						
Golden Eagle	1	2			1			2	1	1	
Marsh Hawk		1	1	3		2	5				
Prairie Falcon							1				
Sparrow Hawk		2		6							
Blue Grouse											1
Ring-necked Pheasant			5			5	2				
American Coot		9	82	284							
Killdeer		4		6		6	9				
Common Snipe	1	6	9	1		12					
Glaucous Gull			1								
Herring Gull			26	4		1					
California Gull			3								
Ring-billed Gull			720	10			1				
Rock Dove		28	125	200			1	7			
Mourning Dove				5							
Screech Owl						1					
Great Horned Owl				2	2	2	4				2
Long-eared Owl			2								
Belted Kingfisher		1	1	4	1		3	1			
Red-shafted Flicker	11	10	13	19	7	14	17	27	3	4	
Hairy Woodpecker						3				2	
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		4		5	5	1			
Horned Lark				9		2	115				
Steller's Jay	1							16	3	67	34
Scrub Jay	7							24	6		
Black-billed Magpie	18	150	126	154	35	110	308	23	3	18	
Common Raven						2	1		2	9	
White-necked Raven					2						
Common Crow	7	4	1		18		13	8			2
Clark's Nutcracker											1
Black-capped Chickadee	7	7	2	11	3	12	6	48	7	34	7
Mountain Chickadee	4		5					7	3	93	56
White-breasted Nuthatch				1						5	11
Red-breasted Nuthatch											4
Pygmy Nuthatch											10
Brown Creeper	1	1	2	1		1	2			2	12
Dipper							1	2			
Winter Wren							1	1			
Canon Wren	4							5			
Robin	65	13	8					52	14		5
Townsend's Solitaire	9		1				2	25	8	10	8
Golden-crowned Kinglet											4
Water Pipit							2				
Northern Shrike		1		1			3	1			
Starling	3	150	1398	338	18	125	36	6	2		
Yellowthroat					1						
House Sparrow	2	50	95	180	22	50		2			
Western Meadowlark			1	9	57	26	1		2		
Red-winged Blackbird		125	20	504		19	1				
Brewer's Blackbird		15									
Evening Grosbeak				64	11	10	9	76		6	5
Cassin's Finch								20	1		
House Finch	8	80	162	314	30	206	91	5			
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	5									50	
Black Rosy Finch	10										
Rosy Finch, Sp.	200										
Pine Siskin	29			1	12	4	5				
Common Redpoll										2	
American Goldfinch		3	1	8			345	3			
Rufous-sided Towhee	8					3		32	6		
White-winged Junco			1				2			1	3
Slate-colored Junco	2	2	1	9		10	9	22		1	1
Oregon Junco	28	47	30	72	6	62	5	129	2	11	6
Gray-headed Junco	15			6		4	4	29	3	8	10
Tree Sparrow	6	35	24	60	38	3065	223	4			
Harris' Sparrow	2					2					
White-crowned Sparrow			2	11		1	5	1			
White-throated Sparrow							1				
Fox Sparrow							2				
Lincoln's Sparrow			3				1				
Swamp Sparrow							1				
Song Sparrow	1	28	11	52	6	29	41	10	2		
TOTAL SPECIES	28	42	59	46	21	35	45	32	19	20	20
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	502	2207	6243	2777	275	3806	1301	598	71	329	183

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT 1973 PART II

AREA LOCALITY	8A YP	8B DHM	9 NTC	10 UBC	10B I	11 WC	11A WS	11B KCR	11C WCII	F	T
Red-throated Loon											1
Pied-billed Grebe											13
Great Blue Heron											9
Mute Swan											6
Canada Goose						30			50		1897
White-fronted Goose											11
Snow Goose											3
Mallard				3		1			1	40	1180
Gadwall											84
Pintail											86
Green-winged Teal											19
American Widgeon											362
Shoveler						6					8
Wood Duck											22
Redhead											64
Ring-necked Duck											80
Canvasback											16
Greater Scaup											2
Lesser Scaup											14
Common Goldeneye											114
Barrow's Goldeneye											1
Bufflehead											8
Oldsquaw											1
White-winged Scoter											1
Hooded Merganser											10
Common Merganser						1					290
Red-breasted Merganser											2
Goshawk				2							4
Sharp-shinned Hawk										1	4
Cooper's Hawk	1										3
Red-tailed Hawk			3						2		25
Harlan's Hawk											5
Rough-legged Hawk								1	2		11
Ferruginous Hawk											1
Golden Eagle			1			4	2	1		2	11
Marsh Hawk									1		13
Prairie Falcon											1
Pigeon Hawk								1			1
Sparrow Hawk			1			3		1	2		15
Blue Grouse		3	1								5
Ring-necked Pheasant						1		4			17
American Coot											375
Killdeer											25
Common Snipe								1			30
Glaucous Gull											1
Herring Gull											31
California Gull											3
Ring-billed Gull									6	3	740
Gull, Sp.											1000
Rock Dove						223	26	37		1	648
Mourning Dove											5
Screech Owl											1
Great Horned Owl										2	12
Pygmy Owl		1									1
Long-eared Owl										1	2
Owl, Sp.						1					1
Belted Kingfisher											11
Red-shafted Flicker			3	2		12	9	7	2	17	177
Hairy Woodpecker	5		2	6						18	36
Downy Woodpecker	1			3		1	1	1		16	40
Horned Lark								3	50		179
Blue Jay										4	4
Steller's Jay	27	2	28	61	5	2	14	3		283	546
Scrub Jay				4		5	7	7		4	64
Black-billed Magpie	3		21	14	2	56	16	14	71	68	1210
Common Raven			2	7		135	2			2	162
White-necked Raven											2
Common Crow	2	1		13			20	81		17	187
Clark's Nutcracker											1
Black-capped Chickadee	15			7	3	10	2	9		99	289
Mountain Chickadee	37	28	18	70	25		2			205	553
White-breasted Nuthatch	8	1	2	4	1					26	59
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	2	1							30	39
Pygmy Nuthatch		46	6	66						165	293
Brown Creeper	4	3		10							39

AREA LOCALITY	8A YP	8B DHM	9 NTC	10 UBC	10B I	11 WC	11A WS	11B KCR	11C WCII	F	T
Dipper				10		2	1				10
Winter Wren											2
Canon Wren			1					4			14
Mockingbird						1					1
Robin			1	13			59	7		1	240
Townsend's Solitaire	3	1	23	22	10		9	10		1	142
Northern Shrike				2		2		1			11
Starling			2	16		90	17	22	41	136	2450
Yellowthroat											1
House Sparrow				6		80	9	3	9	72	580
Western Meadowlark						41		1	2		140
Red-winged Blackbird						326			18	25	1038
Brewer's Blackbird						15					30
Evening Grosbeak		3		8						429	621
Cassin's Finch	30		1	1						16	69
House Finch				64		2	28		3	99	1092
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch											55
Black Rosy Finch											10
Rosy Finch, Sp.											200
Common Redpoll											2
Pine Siskin				5		23				10	89
American Goldfinch	1			3							364
Red Crossbill			3								3
Rufous-sided Towhee			1			1		8		4	63
White-winged Junco			1	11	10		1			71	102
Slate-colored Junco			3	8	5	4	4	15	1	73	170
Oregon-Junco	1		6	133		22	52	26	10	107	755
Gray-headed Junco	33		21	62	25	3	7	21		134	385
Junco, Sp.						20	15			25	105
Tree Sparrow						18	1	2	22	40	3538
Harris' Sparrow				1							5
White-crowned Sparrow								2			22
White-throated Sparrow											1
Fox Sparrow											2
Lincoln's Sparrow											4
Swamp Sparrow											1
Song Sparrow				4		1	4	13	5		207
TOTAL SPECIES	18	11	24	33	10	33	23	29	19	37	110
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	176	91	152	637	88	1143	308	306	298	2247	23,728

OBSERVERS, BY AREA, LEADERS UNDERLINED:

1 - Red Rocks: Dolores and Douglas Gable, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Goodwin, George and Marie Shier, Donald Thatcher.
2 - Lower Bear Creek: Roberta Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Marion and Joe Borden, Juanita Craig, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler.
3 - Marston-Bowles Lakes: Henry and Viola Bossman, Harold and LaVona Holt, Jack Reddall, Van Truan, Ruth Ault, Dr. Crawford, Viona Wine.
4 - Lower South Platte: Robert Andrews, John and Joyce Cooper, Bob Follansbee(Corvallis, Ore.) David Hattan, Jene and Paul Hendricks, Robert Reed, Alan Wuth.
5 - Middle South Platte, East: Thompson Marsh and Lucy Yee.
5A - Plum Creek: Steve Larson,Gary May, Bill Merk, Ray Olson.
5B - Middle South Platte, West: David, Jeffrey, Karen and Rebecca Hutchinson.
6 - Upper South Platte: Blake and Jerry Besser, John DeGrazio, Joe Guarino, Chris Mitchell, Cal Royall, Chuck and Mick Stone, Jack Welch.
7 - Lower Deer Creek: Tom and Virginia Faxon, Haruka Ishiyama, Barbara and Lynn Willcockson.
7A - Upper Deer Creek: John Colvin, Terry Drissell, Bill Lybarger, Arch McCallum, Sue Merrick, Jerald Wilson, Harvey Willoughby.
8 - South Turkey Creek: Joanne Abbott, Sneakers and Urling Cannon, Elinor and Hugh Kingery, Ralph Sargent, Jr., Shirley Shreves.
8A - Yegge Peak: Nancy Hurley, David McCargo.
8B - Double Head Mountain: Dorothy Bailey, Yvonne Gibbons, Richard Pillmore.
9 - North Turkey Creek: Robert and Douglas Buttery, Bill Gillespie.
10 - Upper Bear Creek: Ed Arenson, Sylvia and Winston Brockner, Louise Mounsey, Douglas Stotz, Edna Clare Thomas.
10B - Idledale: Robert Cohen, Barbara Davis.
11 - Willow Creek: Robert and Rosalee Brace, Patty Echelmeyer, Margaret Elliott, Ron Lestina, Jennifer Rechel, Shirley and James Wheeling.
11A - Willow Springs: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Mildred Snyder.
11B - Ken Caryl Ranch: Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Edie Trimmer, Judy Ward.
11C - Willow Creek II: Peter Gorman, Lois Webster.
Feeder Observers: Charles Arnett, Joseph Barrett, Mrs. Paul Biesemeyer, Gay Bishop, Lloyd Bishop, Charles Bottinelli, Ozeta Denton, Aleon DeVore, J. P. Fairall, Polly Fields, Joyce Freeman, Jerome Grutza, Lila Kint, Ken Macomber, Dee Magers, Ed McKee, Grace McKinney, Doris McLaughlin, Mildred Meyer, Lois M'Gillycuddy, Honora Ragsdale, Mrs. John Schoolcraft, Connie Sebald, R. Simons, Mrs. Edward VanArsdale, Helen Waters.

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COLORADO CHRISTMAS COUNTS 1973

During the 1973 Christmas Count period, December 15 to January 1, 20 counts were held in the state of Colorado. The Weldona Count was not held due to adverse weather and road conditions. The results of 19 of these counts are being reported. One hundred seventy-two species and 5 additional races and 258,646 total individuals were reported. Denver reported 107 species and Longmont recorded 39,422 total individuals for the state highs in each category. All species reported are included in this report. All records will be subject to the American Birds Area Editor's scrutiny for their details for unusual sightings. Several records have been submitted to the Colorado Field Ornithologist's Records Committee for action, acceptance or rejection. The ten most numerous species are as follows: Red-winged Blackbird, 60,045; Mallard, 58,144; Canada Goose, 29,345; Starling, 19,080; Horned Lark, 15,749; House Sparrow, 9,160; Tree Sparrow, 6060; Dark-eyed Junco(Oregon), 5855, Black-billed Magpie, 4306; House Finch, 3191. The report shows the counts in order of the date being held from the beginning of the report period until the end. Counts on the same date will be listed in alphabetical order. General information will be listed for counts in alphabetical order.

Bonny. December 30; 5 AM to 5 PM. Weather, AM: overcast intermittent light snow; PM: overcast intermittent moderate snow. Temperature 8 to 15°. Wind E, 10-15 mph. Snow cover 3 to 12 inches. Water partly open. Ten observers in 7 parties. Total party-hours 55(31 on foot, 24 by car. Total party-miles, 226(33 by foot, 193 by car. 58 species plus 2 additional races; 34,815 individuals. compiler, Paul Julian

Boulder. December 15; 5 AM to 5 PM. Weather, AM: Clear. PM:Clear. Wind W, 0-30 mph. Snow cover 6-24inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop good. Eighty-five observers in 26 parties, plus 11 at feeders. Total party-hours 232(147 on foot, 85 by car, 81 at feeders. Total party-miles, 642(112 by foot, 530 by car. 105 species, plus 2 additional races and about 30,078 total individuals. Observed during count week: Goshawk,Scrub Jay, Common Redpoll. Compiler, Richard Weppner.

Colorado Springs. December 15; 7 AM to 4:30 PM. Weather, AM:clear. PM: clear. Wind N, 12-21 mph. Water partly open. Wild food crop good. Thirty-six observers in 14 parties, plus 2 at feeders. Total party-hours, 99(74 on foot, 25 by car. Total party-miles 367(54 on foot, 313 by car. 73 species, plus 3 additional races and about 8,124 total individuals. Compiler, Mrs. Harry B. Wills

Denver. December 15; 5 AM to 5 PM. Weather: AM: clear. PM: mostly clear. Temperature 10 to 45°. Wind WNW, 0-40 mph. Snow cover. 0 to 20 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop good. Ninety-three observers in 30 parties, plus 26 at feeders. Total party hours 243(176 on foot, 67 by car, 88 at feeders. Total party-miles 654(178 on foot, 476 by car). 107 species, plus 3 additional races and about 23,728 total individuals. In count area during count week, but not seen on count day: Ruddy Duck, Bald Eagle, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Compiler, David Hutchinson.

Durango. December 29; 7 AM to 4:30 PM. Weather: AM: overcast intermittent light snow/rain. PM: overcast intermittent light snow. Temperature 30 to 46°. Snow cover 0 to 6 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop excellent. Twelve observers in 3 parties. Total party-hours 26(10 on foot, 16 by car. Total party-miles 181(14 by foot, 167 by car. 52 species plus 1 additional race and about 5,672 total individuals. Compiler, Richard Stransky.

Evergreen-Idaho Springs. December 16; 7 AM to 5 PM. Weather: AM: mostly cloudy. PM: mostly cloudy Wind S, 0-30 mph. Snow cover 0 to 18 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop poor. Thirty-one observers in 10 parties, plus 6 at feeders. Total party-hours 78(43 on foot, 35 by car, 12 at feeders. Total party miles 392(49 on foot, 343 by car. 47 species, plus 2 additional races and about 2,802 total individuals. Compiler, Douglas Stotz.

Fort Collins. December 22; 7 AM to 5 PM. Weather: Clear to overcast. Temperature 24 to 49°. Wind NW, 0-10 mph. Water partly open. Thirty-seven observers in 22 parties. Total party-hours 115(35 on foot, 38 by car, 42 at feeders). Total party-miles 412(32 on foot, 380 by car). 69 species, plus 3 additional races and about 16,921 total individuals. Compiler, Ron Ryder.

Grand Junction. December 15; 7 AM to 5 PM. Weather: AM: clear. PM: clear. Wind SE, 5 mph. No snow cover. Water partly open. Twenty-two observers in 8 parties. Total party-hours 80(7 on foot, 73 by car. Total party-miles 434(14 by foot, 420 by car. 74 species, plus 1 additional race and about 35,775 total individuals. Lorna Gustafson.

Gunnison. December 30; 7 AM to 5:30 PM. Weather: AM: intermittent heavy snow. PM: intermittent heavy snow. Wind 0 to 25 mph. Snow cover 12 to 30 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop poor. Nine observers in 4 parties, plus 3 at feeders.. Total party-hours 30 (12 on foot, 15 by car, 3 at feeders. Total party miles. 157(17 on foot, 140 by car. 35 species, plus 2 additional races and about 1,940 total individuals. Compiler, A. S. Hyde.

Hotchkiss. December 16; 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Weather: AM: mostly clear. PM: clear. Wind W, 1-3 mph. Snow cover 1 to 3 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop excellent. Four observers in 1 party. Total party hours 10(3 on foot, 7 by car. Total party miles 93(3 on foot, 90 by car. 59 species, plus one additional race and about 6,781 total individuals. Compiler, Theodora Colborn.

Lake Isabel. December 23; 7 AM to 4:30 PM. Weather: AM: overcast moderate snow. PM: overcast heavy snow. Wind NNW, 5 to 40 mph. Snow cover 2 to 36 inches. Wild food crop good. Five observers in 1 party, plus 3 at feeders. Total party hours 18 (6 on foot, 12 by car. Total party miles 178 (6 by foot, 172 by car. 33 species, plus 2 additional races and about 1,347 total individuals. Compiler, Van Truan.

Longmont. December 22; 7 AM to 4:30 PM. Weather: AM: mostly clear. PM: partly cloudy. Temperature 30 to 60°. Wind NW, 10 to 20 mph. Snow cover 1 to 4 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop good. Thirty-nine observers in 15 parties, plus 1 at a feeder. Total party hours 112(51 on foot,61 by car. Total party miles 594(49 on foot, 545 by car. 80 Species, plus 3 additional races and about 39, 422 total individuals. Compiler, Ron Harden. Additional species observed during count week, but not count day: Screech Owl, Pygmy Owl.

Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. December 18; 7 AM to 4:30 PM. Weather: AM: mostly cloudy. PM: overcast intermittent light snow. Wind NNE, 3-15 MPH. No snow cover. Wild food crop good. Two observers in 1 party. Total party hours 9½(1 on foot, 8½ by car. Total party miles 43(1 on foot, 42 by car. 28 species and about 20,876 total individuals. Compiler, Stanley Cornelius.

Nunn. December 18; 7:15 to 3:30 PM. Weather: overcast intermittent moderate snow. Temperature 20 to 28°. Wind NNE, 20 to 25 mph. Water partly open. Wild food crop good. Seventeen observers in 6 parties. Total party hours 18(5 on foot, 13 by car. Total party miles 232 (10 on foot, 222 by car. 18 species and about 3,801 total individuals. Compiler, Clait Braun.

Pike's Peak. December 31; 7:30 AM to 4:45 PM. Weather: AM: mostly clear. PM: partly cloudy intermittent snow. Wind E-W, 0 to 20 mph. Snow cover 2 to 72 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop fair. Thirty-four observers in 11 parties. Total party hours 92(50 on foot, 33 by car, 9 by snowshoes. Total party miles 286(62 on foot, 213 by car, 11 by snowshoes. 46 species, plus 2 additional races and about 3,971 total individuals. Compiler, Libby Goodwin.

Pueblo. December 22; 7:15 to 4:30 PM. Weather: AM: partly cloudy. PM: partly cloudy. Temperature 42 to 56°. Wind SW 0 to 10 mph. Snow cover 0 to 6 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop good. Eight observers in 2 parties. Total party hours 23(13 on foot, 10 by car. Total party miles 187 (10 by foot, 177 by car. 74 species, plus 2 additional races and about 18,530 total individuals. Compiler, Dave Griffiths.

Rocky Mountain National Park. December 15; 7:15 to 4:30 PM. Clear to overcast; temperature 20-38°. Wind W, 5 to 60 mph. Water partly open. Forty-four observers in 15 parties. Total party hours 77(42 on foot, 23 by car, 12 at feeders. Total party miles 276(49 on foot, 227 by car. 38 species plus 3 additional races and about 1,385 total individuals. Compiler, Ron Ryder.

Spanish Peaks. December 15; 7:30 to 4:00 PM. Four observers in 1 party. Weather. Sunny no wind. Water partly open. Snow cover 14 inches. Temperature 26 to 37°. Total party hours 8(2 on foot, 6 by car. Total party miles 70(2 on foot, 68 by car. 28 Species, plus 1 additional race and about 1,015 total individuals. Dave Griffiths, Compiler.

Westcliffe. December 21; 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Weather: AM: Clear. PM: mostly clear. Temperature 5-48°. Wind NW, 5 to 35 mph. Snow cover 2 to 30 inches. Water partly open. Wild food crop fair. Two observers in 1 party, plus 1 at feeders. Total party hours 9(4 on foot, 5 by car. Total party miles 172(5 on foot, 167 by car. 28 species, plus 1 additional race and about 1,763 total individuals. Compiler, Van Truan.

COLORADO CHRISTMAS COUNTS 1973 PART I

DECEMBER	15	15	15	15	15	15	16	16	18	18
LOCALITY	BOUL	CS	DEN	GJ	RMNP	SP	EIS	HOTC	MVWR	NUNN
Red-throated Loon			1							
Horned Grebe	2									
Western Grebe	21									
Pied-billed Grebe	16	1	13	1						
Great Blue Heron	16		9					1	1	
Black-crowned Night Heron	1									
Mute Swan			6							
Canada Goose	15,000	200	1897	30					335	
White-fronted Goose	1		11							
Snow Goose	6		3							
Mallard	5081	203	1180	375	8	3	29		19,139	
Gadwall	25	55	84				1			
Pintail	92	8	86	7			3		450	
Green-winged Teal	9		19	70			5			
Blue-winged Teal		1								
American Wigeon	172	119	362				11			
Northern Shoveler	14	130	8	1						
Wood Duck			22							
Redhead	16		64			5				
Ring-necked Duck	50	11	80	26			2			
Canvasback			16							
Greater Scaup			2							
Lesser Scaup		65	14	1		23				
Common Goldeneye	39	2	114	8	29		1		15	
Barrow's Goldeneye	1		1		5					
Bufflehead		2	8							
Oldsquaw			1							
White-winged Scoter			1							
Ruddy Duck	1									
Hooded Merganser			10							
Common Merganser	56		290	1			2			
Red-breasted Merganser	8		2							
Goshawk			4				1	2		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	2	4	1			1			
Coopers Hawk		1	3	1						
Red-tailed Hawk	15	13	25	13	1	1	2	5	2	
Red-tailed(Harlans)			3							
Rough-legged Hawk	16	16	11			1			26	5
Ferruginous Hawk	3		1	1						

DECEMBER LOCALITY	15 BOUL	15 CS	15 DEN	15 GJ	15 RMNP	15 SP	16 EIS	16 HOTC	18 MVWR	18 NUNN
Golden Eagle	8(5a1i)	6	11a	2	2		1	3	5(1a4i)	1i
Bald Eagle									28(16a12i)	
Marsh Hawk	13	22	13	10				3	14	
Prairie Falcon	6	2	1	4		1			2	
Peregrine Falcon	1									
Merlin		2	1	1						
American Kestrel	18	8	15	45				4	4	
Blue Grouse			5							
White-tailed Ptarmigan					1					
Scaled Quail		30								
Gambel's Quail				42						
Ring-necked Pheasant	36	4	17	18				19	20	
Chukar								43		
Sandhill Crane	1									
Virginia Rail	2									
Sora	4									
American Coot	29	5	375			5				
Killdeer	30	11	25	10				6		1
Common Snipe	29	24	30	1				1		
Lesser Yellowlegs	8									
Glaucous Gull			1							
Herring Gull	36		31							
California Gull			3							
Ring-billed Gull	17		740							
Franklin's Gull	4									
Rock Dove	491		648		6		17		4	17
Mourning Dove			5	352				1		
Screech Owl	1		1							
Great Horned Owl	11	4	12	1				1	6	3
Pygmy Owl			1							
Long-eared Owl	5		3				1			
Short-eared Owl	1								3	
Belted Kingfisher	12	3	11	4	1		1	2		
Common Flicker(Yellow-shafted)		2								
Common Flicker(Red-shafted)	191	78	177	92	3	5	5	21	3	4
Red-headed Woodpecker								1(photographed)		
Lewis' Woodpecker		14		5		3		1		
Hairy Woodpecker	24	3	36	2	10	1	21	1		
Downy Woodpecker	51	18	40	6	6		14	5		1
Say's Phoebe				1				1		
Horned Lark	25	178	179	320				58	47	3628
Gray Jay	1			1	6		17			
Blue Jay	3	10	4							
Steller's Jay	376	157	546		108	1	211	10		
Scrub Jay		179	64	22		22		15		
Black-billed Magpie	563	438	1210	252	99	48	53	89	109	4
Common Raven	12	12	162	25	24	7	145	2	16	
White-necked Raven			2							
Common Crow	170	303	187		2	347	163		19	
Pinon Jay		50		10						
Clark's Nutcracker	2		1		29		32			
Black-capped Chickadee	99	122	289	3	8	8	33	4		
Mountain Chickadee	329	82	553	15	388	1	343	13		
Plain Titmouse				26						
Common Bushtit	4			11						
White-breasted Nuthatch	59	13	59	2	36	2	31			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	7		39	1	5		13			
Pygmy Nuthatch	147	20	293		158		182			
Brown Creeper	43	14	39		8		12	3		
Dipper	13		10		22		3			
House Wren	1									
Winter Wren	1		2				1			
Bewick's Wren				12						
Long-billed Marsh Wren								1		
Canon Wren	2	1	14	6			1			
Rock Wren	1							1		
Mockingbird	1		1	1						
Brown Thrasher	1									
Robin	186	801	240	283	1	8	2	67		
Hermit Thrush	2									
Western Bluebird	1									
Mountain Bluebird		82		2						
Townsend's Solitaire	52	54	142	2	53	6	39			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				1						
Golden-crowned Kinglet	9	3	8							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2			14				1		
Water Pipit			2	3				1		
Bohemian Waxwing							4			

DECEMBER	15	15	15	15	15	15	16	16	18	18
LOCALITY	BOUL	CS	DEN	GJ	RMNP	SP	EIS	HOTC	MVWR	NUNN
Cedar Waxwing	17	30		102	200			18		
Phainopepla	1 (photographed)									
Northern Shrike	1	2	11	2	2	1	5			1
Loggerhead Shrike				6				2		
Starling	2756	598	2450	5051	21	41	66	1897	3	25
Virginia's Warbler	1									
Yellow-rumped Warbler(Audubon's)				23						
Common Yellowthroat			1							
House Sparrow	734	493	580	1489	30	181	20	853	405	73
Western Meadowlar,	108	7	140	154				33	4	1
Yellow-headed Blackbird								1		
Red-winged Blackbird	503	133	1038	24,776		2		2478		
Brewer's Blackbird		102	30	120				12	157	
Brown-headed Cowbird		1								
Evening Grosbeak	232	127	621	121	25		158			
Cassin's Finch	5	86	69		2		172			
House Finch	670	812	1092	186			3	53		
Pine Grosbeak					3		2			
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch			55		17		381			1
Black Rosy Finch			10				5			
Brown-capped Rosy Finch					3		20			
Rosy Finch, Sp.			200							
Common Redpoll			2							
Pine Siskin	223	402	89	145				4		
American Goldfinch	63	20	364	25			13	29		
Lesser Goldfinch (No Details)	1	11								
Red Crossbill			3		7		2			
White-winged Crossbill							6			
Rufous-sided Towhee	3	116	63	13		1		10		
Savannah Sparrow	3									
Black-chinned Sparrow	1									
Lark Sparrow				1						
Dark-eyed Junco(White-winged)	53	17	102		3		232			
Dark-eyed Junco(Slate-colored)	121	29	170	12	10	2	33	3		1
Dark-eyed Junco(Oregon)	331	552	755	1016	14	74	130	822	4	1
Gray-headed Junco	196	300	385	42	9	30	176	77		
Junco, Sp.	69		105							1
Tree Sparrow	148	121	3538	4		186	11	3	30	19
Chipping Sparrow(No Details)	4	81								
Clay-colored Sparrow	2 (No Details)									
Harris' Sparrow	7		5	1						
White-crowned Sparrow	13	79	22	315				11		
White-throated Sparrow	1		1							
Fox Sparrow		2	2							
Lincoln's Sparrow	3		4							
Swamp Sparrow			1							
Song Sparrow	23	108	207	28		2	1	30	15	
Lapland Longspur		38								12
TOTAL SPECIES	105	73	107	75	38	28	47	59	28	17
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	30,078	8124	23,728	35,775	1385	1015	2802	6781	20,876	3801
ADDITIONAL RACES	2	3	3	1	2	1	2	1		1

COLORADO CHRISTMAS COUNT PART II 1973

DECEMBER	21	22	22	22	23	29	30	30	31
LOCALITY	WEST	FC	LONG	PUEB	LI	DUR	BONN	GUNN	PP
Common Loon		1							
Western Grebe		1							
Pied-billed Grebe			1	4		1			
Great Blue Heron		7	6				1		
Canada Goose		8100	3206	282			200	30	35
Snow Goose		2							
Mallard	8	2621	2118	1238		118	26,000	23	
Gadwall		8	5	10					
Pintail		25+	14	200			2		
Green-winged Teal	1	138	25			4	2		
American Wigeon		107	26	28			3		
Northern Shoveler			4						
Wood Duck							1		
Redhead		3	30	2					
Common Goldeneye		3	61	22		10	2	19	
Common Merganser		34	35	5		5	65	1	
Red-breasted Merganser				1					
Goshawk		1					3		
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2	1		1	4		1
Cooper's Hawk			1	1					
Red-tailed Hawk	1	8	21	13		8	4		
Red-tailed Hawk(Harlan's)		1	2	1					

DECEMBER	21	22	22	22	23	29	30	30	31
LOCALITY	WEST	FC	LONG	PUEB	LI	DUR	BONN	GUNN	PP
Rough-legged Hawk		28	33	6			5	2	
Ferruginous Hawk			2	2			1		
Golden Eagle		1	6(4a,2i)			7a	1		2i,1a
Bald Eagle	1a	1				9a	6	1a	
Marsh Hawk		9	26	4		8	8		
Prairie Falcon		2	4	2		1	1		
Merlin			2	1					
American Kestrel		6	27	33		2	6	1	
Blue Grouse									2
Bobwhite							33		
Scaled Quail				55					
Turkey					1				
Sandhill Crane			15						
Virginia Rail				3			1		
American Coot		15	6	3					
Killdeer		23	37	8		2			
Common Snipe		37	15	14		3	1		1
Herring Gull		8	11	1					
Ring-billed Gull		9	14	1					
Rock Dove		456	522	129	7	73	2		35
Mourning Dove				59			18		
Great Horned Owl		1	6	6			16		
Long-eared Owl		1					3		
Short-eared Owl		2	7						
Belted Kingfisher		13	9	1	1	6	2	2	
Common Flicker							40		
Common Flicker(Red-shafted)		71	181	46	9	20		3	46
Red-bellied Woodpecker							1		
Lewis' Woodpecker			5	4		33			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1				1			
Hairy Woodpecker	3	6	9		5	3	2	4	6
Downy Woodpecker	1	10	28	5	8	2	28	7	3
Ladder-backed Woodpecker				1					
Horned Lark	137	334	535	5400		30	4600	261	17
Gray Jay									9
Blue Jay			21	1	1		12		
Steller's Jay	34	26	51		135	26			310
Scrub Jay				1	13	36			62
Black-billed Magpie	32	192	441	200	66	164	92	194	60
Common Raven	98	4	12	1	126	11	1	78	14
Common Crow	23	29	205	13	156	308	14	59	205
Pinon Jay						100			
Clark's Nutcracker									10
Black-capped Chickadee	4	49	102	30	18	13	77	53	23
Mountain Chickadee	10	24	65	15	30	3		15	404
Plain Titmouse					1				
Common Bushtit									35
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		7	1	10	2		8	16
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2					3
Pygmy Nuthatch	9	15	8		30				30
Brown Creeper		13	12	8	1		2		15
Winter Wren				1					
Bewicks Wren				4					
Long-billed Marsh Wren		1		1			3		
Canon Wren			6						1
Curve-billed Thrasher				1					
Robin		12	43	87	5	412	285	1	45
Varied Thrush			1						
Mountain Bluebird			2						
Western Bluebird						10			
Townsend's Solitaire	1	2	17		6	18		5	46
Golden-crowned Kinglet			2	2					33
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		12	2		1	2			
Water Pipit				1					
Bohemian Waxwing								10	
Cedar Waxwing						202	16	9	
Northern Shrike	1	4	2	9		4	5	1	1
Starling	51	1706	4450	1632	85	667	7		22
Yellow-rumped Warbler(Audubon's)		2		2					
Yellow-rumped Warbler(Myrtle's)					1				
House Sparrow	66	1279	981	1310	23	69	137	394	43
Western Meadowlark	2	154	580	164			220		
Red-winged Blackbird		536	23,843	5427		867	326	116	
Brewer's Blackbird			90	342					
Rusty Blackbird				1					
Brown-headed Cowbird			1						
Great-tailed Grackle								1	

DECEMBER	21	22	22	22	23	29	30	30	31
LOCALITY	WEST	FC	LONG	PUEB	LI	DUR	BONN	GUNN	PP
Evening Grosbeak		337	61		2	484		1	
Cassin's Finch		1	9		17	17			125
House Finch		122	143	52	16	7			35
Pine Grosbeak					17				25
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	421							82	1000
Black Rosy Finch	3							8	25
Brown-capped Rosy Finch	662							230	500
Common Redpoll									3
Pine Siskin		24	2	14		4	270		2
American Goldfinch		55	88	137		59	354		2
Lesser Goldfinch			6						
Red Crossbill					1				
Rufous -sided Towhee		1	8		22	30			104
Brown Towhee				6					
Sharp-tailed Sparrow				1					
Dark-eyed Junco(White-winged)		1	1		60		4		82
Dark-eyed Junco(Sl.-Col.)	2	11	290	5	40	3	165	2	46
Dark-eyed Junco(Oregon)	18	112	149	76	83	1269	350	9	90
Gray-headed Junco	56	2	68		249	530	6	3	306
Tree Sparrow	2	68	399	409	1		913	160	48
Chipping Sparrow			1						
Harris' Sparrow			13	5				3	
White-crowned Sparrow		29	13	770		20	139	1	
White-throated Sparrow				1			2		
Fox Sparrow			5						
Lincoln's Sparrow			2						
Swamp Sparrow				1					
Song Sparrow		25	72	182		30	264	6	2
Lapland Longspur	43			1			10		
Chestnut-collared Longspur	1								
Snow Bunting							3		
TOTAL SPECIES	28	69	80	75	33	52	58	35	46
ADDITIONAL RACES	1	3	3	1	2	53	2	2	2
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1763	16,921	39,422	18,530	1347	5672	34,815	1940	3971

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The highest total individuals for each species reported in Colorado are as follows (species, number, count): Common Loon 1, Ft. Collins; Red-throated Loon 1, Denver; Horned Grebe 2, Boulder; Western Grebe 21, Boulder; Pied-billed Grebe 16, Boulder; Great Blue Heron 16, Boulder; Black-crowned Night Heron 1, Boulder; Mute Swan 6, Denver; Canada Goose 15,000, Boulder; White-fronted Goose 11, Denver; Snow Goose 6, Boulder; Mallard 26,000 Bonney; Gadwall 84, Denver; Pintail 450, Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge; Green-winged Teal 138, Ft. Collins; Blue-winged Teal 1, Colorado Springs; American Wigeon 362; Denver; Northern Shoveler 130 , Colorado Springs; Wood Duck 22, Denver; Redhead 64, Denver; Ring-necked Duck 80, Denver; Canvasback 16, Denver; Greater Scaup 2, Denver; Lesser Scaup 65, Colorado Springs; Common Goldeneye 114, Denver; Barrow's Goldeneye 5, Rocky Mountain National Park; Bufflehead 8, Denver; Oldsquaw 1, Denver, Ft. Collins; White-winged Scoter 1, Denver; Ruddy Duck 1, Boulder; Hooded Merganser 10, Denver; Common Merganser 290, Denver; Red-breasted Merganser 8, Boulder; Goshawk 4, Denver; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4, Bonney, Boulder, Denver; Cooper's Hawk 3, Denver; Red-tailed Hawk 25, Denver; Red-tailed(Harlan's) Hawk 3, Denver; Rough-legged Hawk 33, Longmont; Ferruginous Hawk, 3, Boulder; Golden Eagle 11,Denver; Bald Eagle 28, Monte Vista; Marsh Hawk 26, Longmont; Prairie Falcon 6, Boulder; Peregrine Falcon 1, Boulder; Merlin,2, Colorado Springs, Longmont; American Kestrel 45, Grand Junction; Blue Grouse 5, Denver; White-tailed Ptarmigan 1, Rocky Mountain; Bobwhite 33, Bonney; Scaled Quail 55, Pueblo; Gambel's Quail 42, Grand Junction; Ring-necked Pheasant 71, Longmont; Virginia Rail 3, Pueblo; Sora 4, Boulder; Killdeer 37, Longmont; Common Snipe 37, Ft. Collins; Lesser Yellowlegs 8, Boulder; Glaucous Gull 1, Denver; Herring Gull 76, Denver; California Gull 3, Denver; Ring-billed Gull 740, Denver; Franklin's Gull 4, Boulder; Rock Dove 648, Denver; Mourning Dove 352, Grand Junction; Screech Owl 1, Boulder, Denver; Pygmy Owl 1, Denver, Evergreen; Great Horned Owl 16, Bonney; Long-eared Owl 5, Boulder, Short-eared Owl 7, Longmont; Belted Kingfisher 13, Ft. Collins; Common Flicker(Yellow-shafted) 2, Colorado Springs; Common Flicker(Red-shafted) 191, Boulder; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Bonney; Red-headed Woodpecker 1, Hotchkiss; Chukar 43, Hotchkiss; Lewis' Woodpecker 33, Durango; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1, Durango, Ft. Collins; Hairy Woodpecker 36, Denver; Downy Woodpecker 51, Boulder; Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1, Pueblo; Say's Phoebe 1, Grand Junction, Hotchkiss; Horned Lark 5400, Pueblo; Gray Jay17, Evergreen; Blue Jay 21, Longmont; Steller's Jay 546, Denver;Scrub Jay 179, Colorado Springs; Black-billed Magpie 1210, Denver; Common Raven 162, Denver; White-necked Raven 2, Denver; Common Crow 347, Spanish Peaks; Pinon Jay 100 Durango; Plain Titmouse 26, Grand Junction; Common Bushtit 35, Pike's Peak; White-breasted Nuthatch 59, Boulder, Denver; Red-breasted Nuthatch 39, Denver; Pygmy Nuthatch 293, Denver; Brown Creeper 43, Boulder; Dipper 22, Rocky Mountain; House Wren 1, Boulder; Winter Wren 2, Denver; Bewick's Wren 12, Pueblo; Long-billed Marsh Wren 3, Bonney; Canon Wren 14, Denver; Rock Wren 1, Boulder, Hotchkiss; Mockingbird 1, Boulder, Denver, Grand Junction; Robin 801, Colorado Springs; Brown Thrasher 1, Boulder, Curve-billed Thrasher 1, Pueblo; Varied Thrush 1, Longmont; Hermit Thrush 2, Boulder; Western Bluebird 10, Durango; Mountain Bluebird 82, Colorado Springs; Townsend's Solitaire 142, Denver; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1, Grand Junction; Golden-crowned Kinglet 33, Pike's Peak; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 14, Grand Junction; Water Pipit 3, Grand Junction; Bohemian Waxwing 10, Gunnison; Cedar Waxwing 202, Durango; Turkey 1, Lake Isabel; Phainopepla 1, Boulder;

NorthernShrike 11, Denver; Loggerhead Shrike 6, Grand Junction; Starling 5051; Virginia's Warbler 1, Boulder; Yellow-rumped(Myrtle's) Warbler 1, Lake Isabel; Yellow-rumped Warbler(Audubon's) 23, Ft. Collins; House Sparrow 1489, Grand Junction; Western Meadowlark 580, Longmont; Yellow-headed Blackbird 1, Hotchkiss; Red-winged Blackbird 24,776, Grand Junction; Rusty Blackbird 1, Pueblo; Brewer's Blackbird 342, Pueblo; Great-tailed Grackle 1, Gunnison; Brown-headed Cowbird 1, Colorado Springs, Longmont; Evening Grosbeak 621, Denver; Cassin's Finch 172, Evergreen; House Finch, 1092, Denver; Pine Grosbeak 25, Pike's Peak, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 1000, Pike's Peak; Black Rosy Finch 25, Pike's Peak; Brown-capped Rosy Finch 662 Westcliffe; Common Redpoll 3, Pike's Peak; Pine Siskin 402, Colorado Springs; American Goldfinch 364, Denver; Lesser Goldfinch 11, Colorado Springs; Red Crossbill 7, Rocky Mountain; White-winged Crossbill 6, Evergreen; Rufous-sided Towhee 116, Colorado Springs; Brown Towhee 4, Pueblo; Savannah Sparrow 3, Boulder; Black-chinned Sparrow 1, Boulder; Lark Sparrow 1, Grand Junction; Dark-eyed(White-winged) Junco 232, Evergreen; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 290, Longmont; Dark-eyed(Oregon) Junco; 1269; Durango: Gray-headed Junco 530, Durango; Tree Sparrow 3538, Denver; Chipping Sparrow 83, Colorado Springs; Sharp-tailed Sparrow 1, Pueblo; Clay-colored Sparrow 2, Boulder; Harris' Sparrow 40, Bonney; White-crowned Sparrow 770 Pueblo; White-throated SParrow 2, Bonney; Fox Sparrow 5, Longmont; Lincoln's Sparrow 4, Denver; Swamp Sparrow 1, Denver, Pueblo; Song Sparrow 264, Bonney; Lapland Longspur 43, Westcliffe; Chestnut-collared Longspur 1; Westcliffe; Snow Bunting 3, Bonney.

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NON-GAME WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CLASS TO BE TAUGHT BY DR. RON RYDER

Fish and Wildlife 382 offered by Colorado State University will begin Monday, January 28, 1974. This general class with emphasis on urban wildlife problems will meet for ten weeks at the Olympic Building, Metropolitan State College, 1330 Fox St., Denver, Room 217. It will meet from 7;00 - 9:30 PM. The cost of the course will be $45 and it can carry 3 quarter hours credit. For further information contact Dr. Ronald Ryder, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521. Phone Office:1-491-6547.

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M. F. Shickley, husband of Gail Shickley, a DFO member died October 21, 1973. Roger Calvert of Jamestown, Colorado, long time DFO member was killed in an automobile accident January 1, 1974. We are saddened by their deaths and express sincere concern for their families and friends.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mrs. Margaret Elliott, 879 S. Alkire St., Lakewood, Colorado 80228
William Lybarger, 2415 S. Memphis Way, Aurora, Colorado 80013
Jennifer Rechel , 4200 Iris Ct., Wheatridge, Colorado 80033

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CORNELL NESTING RECORD CARDS: It is getting the time of year to start thinking about making observations of early nesting species such as Great Horned Owls. Lets have a good year making nesting observations. The results of last years nesting reports will be in the February bulletin. For further information contact Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone; 757-0837.

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February 2, Saturday. Bowmar. John Cooper, Leader. Meet at 8:30 MDT at 25th and Sheridan *

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23, Saturday. Balarat. David Hutchinson, Leader. HIKING. Meet at 25 the and Sheridan at 7:30 AM MDT. *

24, Sunday. Squaw Mountain. Bill Brockner, Leader. Meet at 8:45 AM MDT at the Evergreen Post Office. or at Bergen Park at 9:00 AM MDT.

* Bring Lunch.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

"The Galapagos: Darwin's Islands, Dante's Inferno, DRNA."

By

Leonard Licht

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

JANUARY 1974 FIELD TRIPS

JANUARY 5, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. (Clear, becoming overcast, -15 to 11°, 4 hours) Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler. (18 Species)

6, Sunday. Sloan's Lake, Clear Creek, South Platte. David Hutchinson, Leader. (Clear, 20-30°, wind WNW 5-25 mph, 5 hours) Peter Gorman. (36 Species)

12, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, north and west to North of Golden. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. (Variable light cloudiness, 20-50°, 6½ hours) Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Marie Shier, Robert and Shirley Spencer. (37 Species)

12, Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir and Return to Denver. Jack Reddall, Observer. (Overcast, -3 to 30°, 11 hours) (40 Species)

13, Sunday. Denver to Bowmar, Deer Creek Canyon, Bailey, Guanella Pass. Harold and LaVona Holt, Jack Reddall, Observers. (Clear, 10 hours) (46 Species)

13, Sunday. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Fair, mild, 3 hours) Jack and Jean Herron, Vito Tursi. (13 Species)

19, Saturday , Crown Hill Cemetery, Reservoir, 26th and youngfield, Kendrick Reservoirs and Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Pleasant, sunny, very little wind, 6 hours) Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler. (29 Species)

20, Saturday. Denver to Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir and return. Harold Holt, Leader. (Clear, becoming cloudy, 30 to 51°, 10 hours) Ed Arenson, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Bruce Bosley, Laurie Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Kathy Cowles, Bob Glover, LaVona Holt, Steve Larson, Jack Reddall, Edie Trimmer. (53 species)

26, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Fair, warm, not windy, 7 hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Ray Olson. (14 species)

27, Sunday. Waterton. Jean and Parnell White, Leaders. (Sunny, slight breeze, 32°, 4 hours) Merle Barbour, Henry and Vi Bossman, Mary Cornelius, Vi Hubka, Barbara Korpi, Cicely Mellor, Bob Spencer, Terrell White. (species)

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TOTAL SPECIES	BF	DEN	DIL	FOOT	MTNS	PNG	PLNS	PV	SP	WAT	TOT
70	69	126	4	10	48	15	104	1	78	35	492

CONTRIBUTORS

M. E. Barbour	6	F. G. Hack	9	W. K. Reeser	13
S. S. Bogart	10	K. A. Hawkins	7	M. L. Shepherd	1
R. F. Buttery	2	N. A, Hurley	26	M. O. Snyder	120
A. E. Clifford	14	H. E. Kingery	31	K. A. Steenhof	18
D. H. Dines	1	J. A. Kragh	1	M. J. Trainor	62
P. E. Echelmeyer	4	D. A. McCargo	6	J. A. Tully	1
Y. M. Gibbons	9	L. E. McDonough	1	R. U. Wheeler	4
C. S. Hack	62	B. E. Merry	2		

1973 OUT OF STATE NESTS

ARIZONA		ALASKA	
White-winged Dove	2	Lesser Scaup	4
Eastern Kingbird	1	Bald Eagle	1
Common Bushtit	1	Hawk Owl	1
Orchard Oriole	1	Cliff Swallow	2

ATTENTION!

It is time to once again think about the Cornell Nest Card program. Great Horned Owls start laying their eggs at the end of February. The Laboratory of Ornithology was very appreciative of our 1973 reports and we hope that all of us will work to make 1974 even better. If you have any questions or doubts please contact Nancy Hurley, 1875 South Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone: 757-0837.

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CLUB FIELD TRIPS: In light of the energy crises, it would be wise to form car pools on all field trips, taking as few cars as possible. Don't forget to share mileage costs with your driver. Suggested cost is 5¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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Mrs. Robert Fleischer, 749 Ithaca Drive, Boulder, Colorado 80303
Denver Audubon Society, 1325 Deleware St;.Denver, Colorado 80204
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Edna Clare Thomas, RR # 2, Box 217 A, Evergreen, Colorado 80439

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Lorraine Chappell, 515 Clarkson St., # 106, Denver, Colorado 80218

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FIELD TRIPS: Anyone desiring to lead a field trip during the upcoming months should contact Ray Olson, 8651 West 38th Avenue, Wheatridge, Colorado 80033. PHONE: 424-6823.

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GOOD BIRDING DURING 1974!

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JANUARY	5	6	12	12	12	13	13	19	20	26	27
AREA	CCRA	SLP	SLNW	GOLD	MSJR	BDCG	RRP	LBC	MSJR	PNG	WAT
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	
SPECIES											
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1								
Great Blue Heron									1		
Canada Goose	120	525	200		225	630		10	43		
Mallard	36	2664	36		9000	822		79	22,000		
Gadwall		45	1	2 Wheatridge 2/12 PJR					3		
Pintail		133				6		1	5		
Green-winged Teal								13			
American Wigeon		46	12			78		2			
Shoveler		1775	200			3					
Wood Duck						15					
Redhead						20		1			
Ring-necked Duck		1				35					
Canvasback		1									
Greater Scaup						2					
Lesser Scaup						3					
Common Goldeneye		3	11			30					
Bufflehead		1									
Ruddy Duck		1									
Hooded Merganser		1				1					
Common Merganser						2			750		
Goshawk	1a Castlewood 1/19 JR				1i Waterton 1/20 PE						
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			2	1 Littleton 1/3 JT			2		
Red-tailed Hawk		1	1		5	1			6		1
Harlan's Hawk		1		1 Deer Cr. 1/18 PE			1 Muir Springs 1/26 JR				
Broad-winged Hawk									WINTER RECORD		1
Rough-legged Hawk	2	4	1		36				39	1	1
Ferruginous Hawk					2				1	1	
Golden Eagle					2a	1			4a	9	
Bald Eagle					3a10i				2a1i		
Marsh Hawk	1				8				2		
Prairie Falcon					3				2		
Pigeon Hawk					1		1 Westminster 1/22 PE				
Sparrow Hawk 1 S Denver 1/8 RG	3		1		5	1			18		
Greater Prairie Chicken					1 Bonny 1/27 HH,JR Photographed						
Ring-necked Pheasant	32	3			3				41		
Virginia Rail			1						2		
American Coot		1				10		4			
Killdeer								2	2		
Common Snipe	1		1					3	1		
Herring Gull		2	1						2		
Ring-billed Gull		307	60			10		20	2		
Rock Dove	100	22	42	23		50	25	26	91		
Mourning Dove 1-5 Wheatridge All mo PJR			1		1		2 Wheatridge 1/24,29 PE		1		
Screech Owl								2 Bonny 1/26 HH, JR			
Great Horned Owl	1				2				2		
Snowy Owl 1i Ken Caryl Rd at S Wadsworth 1/6 BD											
Long-eared Owl					1			4 Bonny 1/26 HH, JR			
Belted Kingfisher									2		
Yellow-shafted Flicker								1 Bonny 1/26 HH, JR			
Red-shafted Flicker		3	1		12	5	1	3	11		5
Lewis' Woodpecker				4 Louviers 1/17 JC							
Hairy Woodpecker									1		
Downy Woodpecker			2		1	1		1	4		
Horned Lark	70	174			9500	40			135	474	
Blue Jay			1		4				1		
Steller's Jay				3		30					6
Scrub Jay				1			3				
Black-billed Magpie	16	72	35		39	15	1	40	64	11	4
Common Raven						6					
White-necked Raven					5 Laird 1/26 HH,JR			2 Bonney 1/27 HH,JR			
Common Crow		1		9	6	47	1		5		50
Black-capped Chickadee		3	1		12	1	4	2	21		9
Mountain Chickadee			2			19					3
White-breasted Nuthatch								1	2		
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1								
Brown Creeper			1						1		
Dipper						3					
Canon Wren							1				
Brown Thrasher					1 Wheatridge 1/18,24,29 PE						
Robin			16		30	53	1	4	3		12
Townsend's Solitaire			2			5	5		1		1
Water Pipit									1		
Bohemian Waxwing 35 Bowmar 1/12 EM 1 Louviers 1/17 JC 8 Westminster 1/23 TG 1 150 Littleton 1/24 JT 21 Aurora 1/25 JB									9		
Cedar Waxwing						2	20 Muir Springs 1/26 HH,JR				

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SPECIES											
Northern Shrike	1				2	2			1	2	1
Loggerhead Shrike								1 Laird 1/26 HH,JR			
Starling	3	185	100		970	16		70	470	20	1
House Sparrow		13			995	32		25	495	26	
Western Meadowlark		1	2		60			1	79	6	
Red-winged Blackbird		433			7000	24		99	12,175	1	
Rusty Blackbird					3						
Brewer's Blackbird					15			3	1		
Evening Grosbeak 30-50 Littleton All month JT						3	5 Waterton 1/17 JC				1
Cassin's Finch						8					
House Finch		2	42		1	23		25	101	20	
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch						20	65 Red Rocks 1/16 JC				1
Black Rosy Finch							3 Red Rocks 1/16 JC				
Brown-capped Rosy Finch						5	1 Red Rocks 1/16 JC				
Rosy Finch, Sp.							200				400
Pine Siskin	1				9	1-6 Littleton 1/17-31 JT		1			
American Goldfinch	30	1			13				4	4	
Red Crossbill						4 Louviers 1/17 JC					
Rufous-sided Towhee		1 Lakewood All month JC				1	2				2
White-winged Junco			1	2	1						
Slate-colored Junco				2		1		2	2		1
Oregon Junco	3		3	6	11	4		31	19	2	6
Dark-eyed Junco							15				
Gray-headed Junco				3			3	3			3
Tree Sparrow	20	4			225		20		63	5 Littleton 1/18-26 JT	
White-crowned Sparrow		2 Wheatridge 2/12 PJR							6		
Song Sparrow	10	3	2	4	7		2	9			1
Lapland Longspur	1				80	1				1	
Snow Bunting	3 1/2-5 S Wadsworth and KenCaryl Rd. RR et al										
TOTAL SPECIES 100	18	36	32	8	40	46	13	29	53	14	21

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: John Ball, John Cooper, Bertha Durfee, Patty Echelmeyer, Tim Gates, Robert Glover, Ed McKee, Jack Reddall, Robert Reed, Jennifer and Paul Rechel, Jo Trainor.

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SNOWY OWL: Bertha Durfee reports she observed an immature Snowy Owl Sunday, January 6, 1974 at 3:00 P,M. DST from Ken Caryl Rd. west of S. Wadsworth at the bend into Independenc St. She reports it was perched on a fence post beside the road and soared, then landed across the road on another post.

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BROAD-WINGED HAWK: Jean White reports observing a Broad-winged Hawk near Waterton. Other observers included; Merle Barbour, Barbara Korpi, Cecily Mellor. Jean and Merle report observing a small hawk with short broad tail which was black and white banded. The wings seemed to be short and rounded. The hawk appeared to be stubby as it soared. The breast was reddish-brown. It appeared to be much smaller than the other Buteos observed.

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Ron Harden, Compiler of the Longmont Christmas Count, reports that the Sandhill Crane, Chipping and Lincoln's Sparrow and Lesser Goldfinch will not be listed in the American Birds count results.

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Patty Echelmeyer reports that the Florida Audubon Society has sent us an appreciative letter for sending "the huge assortment of good commemorative stamps." Let's continue to help their BALD EAGLE program by saving undamaged, unsoaked stamps. Cut them from the envelopes leaving ¼ to ½ inch margin. Deliver them to Patty Echelmeyer at the meetings or mail them to her at: 2695 Newland St., Denver, Colorado 80214

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RARE BIRD ALERT: ATENTION! Want to be on(or off our Rare Bird Alert List? Call Mildred Snyder, 366-7610 or Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947. Don't forget to notify your rare bird alert caller if you are going to be out of town.

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CLUB TELESCOPE: It has been suggested that all field trip leaders attempt to make use of the club telescope of field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15 x 15-60. Call Don Thatcher, 455-7479 for help in locating the scope. Keep Don Thatcher informed of the whereabouts of the telescope at all times.

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1973 COLORADO NEST RECORDS

AREAS

BF - Black Forest
DEN - Denver
DIL - Dillon
FOOT - Foothills
MTNS - Mountains
PNG - Pawnee National Grassland
PLNS - Plains
PV - Platte Valley
SP - South Park
WAT- Waterton

SPECIES	BF	DEN	DIL	FOOT	MTNS	PNG	PLNS	PV	SP	WAT	TOT
Pied-billed Grebe							1				1
Double-crested Cormorant							42				42
Great Blue Heron							31			16	47
Canada Goose		19								1	20
Mallard		6									6
Cinnamon Teal					1						1
Pintail						1					1
Red-tailed Hawk					1	1					2
Swainson's Hawk						1	1				2
Golden Eagle							1				1
Prairie Falcon						1					1
Sparrow Hawk		1									1
American Coot							1				1
Killdeer		1									1
Mountain Plover						1					1
Common Snipe									1		1
Spotted Sandpiper					1						1
Mourning Dove		4				1	5				10
Barn Owl							1				1
Great Horned Owl						1	8			1	10
Long-eared Owl							1				1
White-throated Swift				1							1
Broad-tailed Hummmingbird		1			1				1	1	4
Red-shafted Flicker	1	2			2				1		6
Lewis' Woodpecker					1						1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			2		5				8		15
Williamson's Sapsucker					3						3
Hairy Woodpecker			1		1						2
Downy Woodpecker				1						2	3
Eastern Kingbird		1									1
Western Kingbird	2	8				1					11
Say's Phoebe									1	1	2
Dusky Flycatcher									3		3
Western Flycatcher					2						2
Western Wood Pewee	2				4				1		7
Violet-green Swallow	1				1				1		3
Tree Swallow					2				35		37
Barn Swallow	1	1				4					6
Rough-winged Swallow				1			1				2
Cliff Swallow										1	1
Black-billed Magpie		42					2			1	45
White-necked Raven							1				1
Black-capped Chickadee	1			1							2
Mountain Chickadee					3						3
White-breasted Nuthatch	1				1						2
Pygmy Nuthatch	1				1						2
Dipper				1							1
House Wren	7			1	8				5	4	25
Mockingbird							1				1
Robin	7	6			1		2	1	9	1	27
Western Bluebird	22										22
Mountain Bluebird	1			1	3				1		6
Starling		14								2	16
Solitary Vireo	1										1
Warbling Vireo			1							1	2
Yellow Warbler	1			1							2
House Sparrow	4	7					1				12
Western Meadowlark						1	1				2
Yellow-headed Blackbird					1						1
Red-winged Blackbird		2							3		5
Bullock's Oriole	1	7		1		1				2	12
Brewer's Blackbird	5	1		1					2	1	10
Common Grackle		2									2
Lazuli Bunting	1										1
House Finch	8	3					3				14
Savannah Sparrow									5		5
Vesper Sparrow					1						1
Lark Sparrow						1					1
Chipping Sparrow					1						1
White-Crowned Sparrow					3				1		4

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - MARCH 1974

March 2, Saturday. Colorado Humane Society/Game and Fish facilities at Henderson. Bob Tully and Mike Stearns, Leaders. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 8:30 A,M. *

3, Sunday. No trip scheduled.

9, Saturday. Muir Springs and Jackson Reservoir. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 8:00 A.M. *

10, Sunday. ½ day trip. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:30 A.M.

16, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A. M. *

17, Sunday. Franktown Area. Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius, Leaders. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center, S. Logan and Hampden at 8:30 A. M., *

23, Saturday., Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M.

24, Sunday. Barr Lake and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *

30, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch, Ward Chadwick, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. ½ day plus lunch. *

31, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at the west entrance at 8:00 A.M. Colorado State Park Pass required. *

* BRING LUNCH.

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David Hutchinson, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 26, 1974
Recent Bird Pictures, A Slide Program
By
Harold Holt
7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

FEBRUARY 1974 FIELD TRIPS

FEBRUARY 2, Saturday. Sloans Lake, Bowmar, Littleton. John and Joyce Cooper, Leaders. (Clear, 30-42°. 6 hours) Merle Barbour, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Lori Chappell, Dick and Mary Fennelly, WArren Finch, Mary Fischer, Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Kathy Houlihan, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Bob Reed, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer. (45 Species)

3, Sunday. Adams and Arapahoe County Prairie Backroads. Ray Olson, Leader. (Clear, crisp, 20-48°. 6½ hours) Merle Barbour, Mary Cornelius, Cicelly Mellor. (17 Species)

9, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Fair, warm, not windy. 7 hours) Vi Bossman, Dick and Mary Fennelly, Jean Hemphill, Haruka Ishiyama, Hazel Kellogg, Dave McCargo, Ruth Wheeler. (13 Species)

10, Sunday. Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Ray Olson, Leader. (Clear, 35-50°, 3½ hours) Dorothy Bailey, Merle Barbour, Sylvia and Winston Brockner, Mary Cornelius, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Warren Finch, Vito Tursi. (17 Species)

16, Saturday. Crown Hill Cemetary, 26th and Youngfield Reservoir, Lower Bear Creek, Kendrick's Reservoir, Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Sunny, cool, no wind, some snow on the ground, 32-48°, 6 hours) Margo and Ward Chadwick, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Helen Stiles, Ruth Wheeler. (28 Species)

17, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Bob Spencer, Leader. (Sunny, cool, windy, lake frozen, 3 hours) Merle Barber, Vi Bossman, Vi Hubka, Don and Eloise Sletten, Jean,Parnell and Terry White. (12 species)

23, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, Boulder, Jamestown, Balarat. David Hutchinson, Leader. (Clear, 18-30°, windy, gusting to 35 mph, 9 hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Don Knight, Ruth Wheeler. (29 Species)

24, Sunday. Squaw Mountain, Evergreen. Sylvia and Winston Wm. Brockner, Leaders. (5°, Clear, cold) Patty Echelmeyer, Ray Olson. (20 Species)

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. Please notify the editor if a field trip is cancelled for any reason.

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INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual contributions should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you and a friend(s) go on a field trip send in a report and I'll use them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as often some rather common birds are not observed on the regularly scheduled field trips. We would like to have our report of observations to be as complete as possible.

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REPORTING OF VERY RARE, CASUAL, ACCIDENTAL AND SEASONALLY UNUSUAL BIRDS: When reporting any of these birds, please give as many details as possible. List field marks, behavior, habitat, observers, conditions of observation. It is necessary to have these types of observations documented so that accurate reporting of species results. Often observations are used by researchers and the better documentation the more reliable the records.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND UNDELIVERED BULLETINS: Please notify your editor of any changes of address or any issues of The Lark Bunting which are not received.

FEBRUARY	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	23	23	24
AREA	SLBL	ACBR	PNG	RRP	LBC	CCR	SL		BAL	SME
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS
SPECIES										
Pied-billed Grebe	1 Sloan's L 2/9 JR				1					
Mute Swan	5									
Canada Goose	950				20	140	67			
Mallard	330		200		112	54	178			
Gadwall	9 2-6 Clear Cr Greenbelt, Wheatridge All mo 2 PJR									
Pintail	21					1	3			
Green-winged Teal	1 110 McCall L 2/2 JR				12					
Cinamon Teal					1 male Muir Sprs 2/23 JR 6 Fowler 2/24 JR, DG					
American Wigeon	68				22		8			
Shoveler	350						131			
Wood Duck	9									
Redhead	1			2 CCGB PJR 2/3						
Ring-necked Duck	25									
Canvasback			2 male, 1 female Prospect Reservoir 2/23 JR							
Greater Scaup	2				1 CF&I Lakes, Pueblo 2/24 JR,DG					
Lesser Scaup	6				8	3 Adams City 2/23 JR				
Common Goldeneye	24						23			
Barrow's Goldeneye	2 male, 1 female Lake Estes 2/2 JR									
Bufflehead	2 Muir Springs 2/17 PJR				1 male Prospect Res 2/23 JR					
Ruddy Duck					1 Adams City 2/23 JR					
Hooded Merganser	1									
Common Merganser	16					2				
Red-breasted Merganser					1 pair CF&I Lakes 2/24 JR,DG					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1		1 Pueblo 2/24 JR,DG				
Cooper's Hawk		1 CCGB 2/12 PJR								
Red-tailed Hawk	2				1					
Rough-legged HAwk	2	17	4			1				
Ferruginous Hawk			2			1 Rocky Mountain Arsenal 2/23 JR				
Golden Eagle		2	6	1						
Bald Eagle	2 i, 2a 1 mi. E Timnath 2/2 TG				3 A, 2 I Jackson Res 2/23 JR					
Marsh Hawk		2								
Prairie Falcon	1	2	2			1				
Pigeon Hawk					1 Prospect Res 2/23 JR					
Sparrow Hawk	1			1	1					1
Scaled Quail						13 Fowler 2/24 JR,DG				
Ring-necked Pheasant	1			1 CCGB 2/28						
American Coot	45				8					
Killdeer	1					1				
Common Snipe	1		1		4					
Glaucous Gull	4 1 mi. E. Severance 2/12 TG					1 a Jackson Res 2/23 JR				
Herring Gull					1		5			
California Gull	1 Muir Springs 2/17 PJR			1 CF&I Lakes(All field marks)2/24 JR,DG						
Ring-billed Gull	27	1 CCGB 2/10 PJR		4 Muir Springs 2/17 PJR						
Rock Dove	17			8	20	5	7	1		
Mourning Dove	2-20 CCGB All mo PJR					3 Pueblo 2/24 JR,DG				
Great Horned Owl		1	2		1 on nest CF&I Lakes 2/24 JR,DG					
Belted Kingfisher	1			1 CCGB 2/10,16 PJR						
Red-shafted Flicker	3			5	4		1			
Hairy Woodpecker										1
Downy Woodpecker	1				1					1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker						6 Fowler 2/24 JRDG				
Horned Lark		450	200		3					
Gray Jay										2
Blue Jay				2 Muir Springs 2/17 PJR						
Steller's Jay				2					20	2
Scrub Jay				5						
Black-billed Magpie	13	14	1	4	26	14	35	1		8
Common Raven								2	1	4
White-necked Raven					4 Fowler 2/24 JR, DG					
Common Crow		2				1				2
Clark's Nutcracker	4 Estes Park 2/2 JR									10
Black-capped Chickadee	2	2		6	15	2				
Mountain Chickadee			1 CCGB 2/15 PJR						23	1
White-breasted Nuthatch		1 Buffalo Cr 2/10 JR,HH							7	
Red-breasted Nuthatch										1
Pygmy Nuthatch									23	4
Brown Creeper	1 Littleton 2/3 JT 2 Barr L 2/3 JR				1					
Dipper	2 S Platte R 2/2 JR,HH								1	
Canon Wren				1						
Curve-billed Thrasher						2 Fowler 2/24 JR,DG				
Robin	19			21		2-10 CCGB all month PJR				
Mountain Bluebird						60 13 mi S Pueblo 2/24 JR,DG				
Townsend's Solitaire	3			2					1	
Water Pipit						4 Pueblo 2/24 JR,DG				

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AREA	SLBL	ACBR	PNG	RRP	LBC	CCR	SL		BAL	SME
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS
SPECIES										
Bohemian Waxwing	41 Littleton 2/3 JT									
Cedar Waxwing						48 Muir Springs 2/23 JR				
Northern Shrike	2			1 CCRA All month JR						
Loggerhead Shrike						3 Pueble 2/24 JR, DG				
Starling	57	210	35		65		65	2		
House Sparrow	15	36			14		13			
Western Meadowlark	1	1	5		3		3	3 Littleton 2/24 JT		
Red-winged Blackbird	9	4			5					
Brewer's Blackbird					2					
Evening Grosbeak		56 Littleton All month JT								1
Cassin's Finch	13 Conifer 2/10 JR									26
House Finch	17				16		6			
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch									3	100
Pine Siskin			1 Littleton All month JT							1
American Goldfinch	2 CCGB 2/3 PJR									
Red Crossbill	9 Squaw Pass 2/9 JR									
Rufous-sided Towhee				9						
White-winged Junco	1 Idaho Springs 2/9 JR								6	6
Slate-colored Junco	2			5	3				32	1
Oregon Junco	12			3	5			7	3	4
Dark-eyed Junco		15								
Gray-Headed Junco	1			12	2					1
Tree Sparrow	37	18	8		12	14	8-12 Littleton All month JT			
Harris' Sparrow							1 Muir Springs 2/23 JR			
Song Sparrow	4			1	12	2-4 CCGB All month PJR				
Lapland Longspur		150	7							
TOTAL SPECIES 81	45	17	13	17	28	12	17	5	12	20

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FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY BALD EAGLE PROGRAM: Let's continue to support program. Save undamaged, unsoaked stamps. Cut them from the envelopes leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch margin. Deliver them to Patty Echelmeyer at the meetings or mail them to her at: 2695 Newland St., Denver, Colorado 80214

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RARE BIRD ALERT: ATTENTION! Want to be on(or off our Rare Bird Alert List? Call Mildred Snyder, 366-7610 or Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947. Don't forget to notify your rare bird alert caller if you are going to be out of town.

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CLUB TELESCOPE: It is suggested that all field trip leaders attempt to make use of the club telescope of field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15x15-60. Call Don Thatcher, 455-7479 for help in locating the scope. Keep Don Thatcher informed of the whereabouts of the telescope at all times.

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ATTENTION: CORNELL NEST CARD PROGRAM: Let's be thinking about the nesting program. Be alert, make observation, write down pertinent data and make 1974 a good year for nesting records. If you have questions are need information, contact Nancy Hurley, 1875 South Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone; 757-0837.

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MEMBERSHIP: Membership is $4.00 per year. Student memberships are no longer available. Mail dues to Mrs. Kenneth Whipple, 232 Titan St., Aurora, Colorado 80010. Phone 343-9793. Dues cutoff date has been extended to April 1, 1974. 40 members have not remitted their dues. Please use the following form to remit 1974 dues.

Enclosed find $4.00 remitted for Denver Field Ornithologists dues for 1974.

Name _____

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Return to Mrs. Kenneth Whipple, 232 Titan St., Aurora, Colorado 80010

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - APRIL 1974

April 6, Saturday. McClelland Reservoir and Plum Creek bottom lands. Robert Reed, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center, South Logan and Hampden at 7:30 AM. Car pool and go to McClelland Reservoir to meet leader. *

7, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. ½ day trip.

13, Saturday. Boulder. Paul Julian, Leader. Meet at Platte Junior High, Cherryvale and Baseline Drive at 8:30 AM *

14, Sunday. No trip scheduled. Easter.

20, Saturday. Douglas and Elbert Counties for Sharp-tailed Grouse. For Details come to March DFO meeting or Call Ray Olson. 424-6845 *

21, Sunday. Barr Lake and Mile High Lakes. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. *

27, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. *

28, Sunday. Waterton. Hugh Kingery, Leader. Warbler trip. Meet at the Dry Creek Shoping Center. Bring portable lunch and drinking water. *

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Sage Grouse Trip to North Park. Details at DFO meeting or call Harold Holt 936-8845

April 5, 6, 7 Wray, Bonney Reservoir. Contact Sophia Bogart, 2075 Potomac St., P. O. Box 158, Aurora, Colorado

April 13, 14. Baca County. Contact Sophia Bogart.

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* Bring Lunch.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

"The Natural History of Newfoundland."

By

Dr. Ronald Ryder

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

MARCH 1974 FIELD TRIPS

MARCH 2, Saturday. No trip report received.

3, Sunday. No scheduled trip.

9, Saturday. Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir. Sophia Bogart, Leader. (Overcast; wind 0-5 mph. 50's. 8 hours) Dorothy Bailey, George Glover, Charles Green, Hazel Kellogg, Cicelly Mellor, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller, Marie Robinson, Ralph Sargent, Bob Spencer. (48 Species)

10, Sunday. Red Rocks, Kittridge, Morrison. (Foggy, light snow, 2 hours) Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius, Observers. (14 Spedies)

10, Sunday. Denver to Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs and Jackson Reservoir. (cloudy to partly cloudy, 42-48°. Wind, NE 8-12. 11 hours) Dave Griffiths and Jack Reddall, Observers. (56 Species)

13, Wednesday. Barr Lake, Mile High Lakes. (70°, 5 ½ hours) Kathryn Whipple and Mildred Snyder, Observers. (38 Species)

16, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Clear, little wind, patches of snow on the ground. 30-45°. 8 hours) John and Joyce Cooper, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (45 Species)

16, Saturday. Pueblo to Ordway (Lake Henry and Lake Meridith), Rocky Ford State Wildlife Area and CF&I Lakes. (Partly cloudy, hazy, 29-65°. 14 ½ hours) Jack Reddall, Observer. (69 Species)

17, Sunday. Franktown, Castlewood Dam. Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius, Leaders. (Sunny, 50-60°. 4 hours) John and Joyce Cooper, Margaret Denney, Robert Glover, Karl Stecher. (29 Species)

23, Saturday. Trip cancelled, bad weather)

24, Sunday. Arsenal, Barr Lake and Mile High Duck Club. Harold Holt, Leader. (Overcast, fog, hazy, wind calm. 0-46°. 10 hours) LaVona Holt, Sue Merrick, Jack Reddall, Doug Stotz. (64 Species)

23, 24, Saturday and Sunday. Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. Kay Wilcox, Leader. (Saturday, high clouds, wind 20 mph, 50's. Sunday, clear, calm, 50's, 8 hours) Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Sophia Bogart. (38 Species)

24, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. John Ball, Observer. (39 Species)

30, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Margo and Ward Chadwick, Leaders. (Fair, balmy, 4 ½ hours) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Henry Bossman, Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Juanita Craig, Margaret Denney, Karen Felmlee, Bob and Betty Hackman, Hazel Kellogg, Jane Newcomb, Sadie Morrison, Ray Olson, Lolita Prichett, Mary Jane Schock, Edie Trimmer, Garland and Becky Truitt, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler (39 Species)

31, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County. Jack Reddall, Leader. (Cloudy to partly cloudy, 41-52°, wind E, 4-7 mph, 4 hours) Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Jean Herron, Jeannie Huey(Dallas, Tex.) Hazel Kellogg, Arnie Silverman. (36 Species)

31, Sunday. Eldora. (Snow flurries, partly cloudy, 40's) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Gail Schickley. (18 Species

MARCH	9	10	10	13	16	16	16	17	23/24	24	24	30	31	31
AREA	JMSP	RRP	JMSP	BARR	LBC	LBC	PUEB	CF	MVNWR	BARR	RMA	KCR	CCR	ELD
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT		FOOT		PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	MTNS
SPECIES														
Horned Grebe				(22	2		2			24				
Eared Grebe	1 Jackson Reservoir 3/10 JR,KS													
Western Grebe													(1	
Pied-billed Grebe					(1					8	2		1	
White Pelican										3 Prewitt Reservoir 3/30 JR				
Double-crested Cormorant				(1on nest						4				
Great Blue Heron	3 Waterton 3/9 HK		3	22(2 on nest)						19	3			
Canada Goose	100	5	2900	2	11		41		100	13	12		7	
White-fronted Goose			9											
Snow Goose	70		11	300 Prewitt 3/16 HK			14			1	5	Prospect Res. 3/30JI		
Blue Goose	1						1		2					
Mallard	68	1	2000	*	30		1650		600	3600	50	12	56	
Gadwall	24		200	*	26		250		150	380	175	4	14	
Pintail	230		4000	*	2		350		350	4100	125	2	16	
Green-winged Teal	6		95	*	5		60		40	276	357	7	38	
Blue-winged Teal											(2		2	
Cinnamon Teal	(2 Henry's Lake 3/7 JC			*			4		6	14				
American Widgeon	28		135	*	24		175		50	400	2	4	8	
Shoveler	4		50	*	4		1300		230	560				
Redhead	224		3000	*	90		90		50	125	22	4		
Ring-necked Duck					3		2		8	4				
Canvasback	4		165	4					6	75	7			
Lesser Scaup	30		300	*	10		130		60	150	45	8	13	
Common Goldeneye	6		180	6	5		9			23	8			
Bufflehead 1 Bowmar 3/1 JC			3	2	8				20	12	14	4		
Ruddy Duck 1 Henry's Lake 3/12 JC			2	2	2		3		2	26			2	
Hooded Merganser										1 Ft. Logan 3/30 SB				
Common Merganser			250	35			210			150	18		1	
Red-breasted Merganser	1 Jackson Reservoir 3/10 JR,KS						2 Marston 3/30 SB			12 Prewitt 3/30 JR				
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 Aurora 3/10 MS						1							
Red-tailed Hawk	2		5	1			13	1	1	2	1	2		
Swainson's Hawk	1			(1 NEW EARLY RECORD										
Rough-legged Hawk	5		11	2			6		6	12	4			
Ferruginous Hawk	1		2	1			1			2				
Golden Eagle									6			2		
Bald Eagle	20		47a,18i		10 Prewitt 3/30 JR				5		1			
Marsh Hawk	1		3	2			3		5	1	1			3
Prairie Falcon								1				1		
Pigeon Hawk	7		11	2 N. Adams County 3/16 DH				1		6	2	4	1	1
Scaled Quail				3	2		6							
Bobwhite	6													
Ring-necked Pheasant				1			5		1	26	2	1	7	
Chukar										1				
Sandhill Crane				10,000 N. Platte,Neb 3/17 HK			5		1400					
Virginia Rail	2		1				6							
American Coot	2		1	33	30		145		150	14	35		4	
Killdeer			2	8	6		35	5	8	54	3	8	16	
Common Snipe	5 Alameda and Highline Canal 3/8 MS						2			1				
Greater Yellowlegs										(1				
Baird's Sandpiper		3 Tower Rd. Pond 3/13 MS,KW								4	5		3	
Long-billed Dowitcher		2 Tower Rd. Pond 3/13 MS,KW NEW EARLY RECORD							3 Prospect Valley 3/30 JR				1	
Glaucous Gull			3											
Herring Gull	220		1200							12	1	Prewitt	(11) 3/30 JR	
California Gull													(3	
Ring-billed Gull	522		5100	3	14		28			62	3		30	
Franklin's Gull													(5	
Rock Dove	20		21		23		18			38		7		
Mourning Dove	1 nr Ft. Morgan 3/9 JC			2 Cherry Hills3/11JT			6		1					
Great Horned Owl	2		12				5	2on nest		3				
Burrowing Owl				(2 NEW EARLY RECORD						1			2	
Belted Kingfisher	1 Ft.Collins 3/7JB		1											
Yellow-shafted Flicker			1											
Red-shafted Flicker	5		19	1	1		11	5		7	4	8	3	3
Lewis' Woodpecker									6 Louviers 3/26 JC					
Hairy Woodpecker			1				2				1			1
Downy Woodpecker	4	1	7	1	1		2	2		6	1	1		
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker						1 Tahosa Scout Ranch 3/24 DH								
Say's Phoebe							1		(1 Titan Rd. 3/17 RR					
Horned Lark	3		25	13			7	4	6	38		12	15	
Violet-green Swallow						1 Golden 3/17 PJ NEW EARLY RECORD								
Gray Jay	3 Pine Junction All month MM													
Blue Jay	2 Aurora All mo JB2		4				4							

MARCH	9	10	10	13	16	16	16	17	23/24	24	24	30	31	31
AREA	JMSP	RRP	JMSP	BARR	LBC	LBC	PUEB	CF	MVNWR	BARR	RMA	KCR	CCR	ELD
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT		FOOT		PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	MTNS
SPECIES														
Steller's Jay		5				1		4	1 Waterton,Plns) 3/24 HK					1
Scrub Jay		3				1	1	5				15		
Black-billed Magpie	13	7	79	24	25	4	117	11	30	128	10	3		3
Common Raven								1	21					
Common Crow	2		5					2				60		1
Pinon Jay									6					
Clark's Nutcracker														2
Black-capped Chickadee	9		14		8			3		19	2	6	2	2
Mountain Chickadee		1						6		1	1 Waterton,Plns 3/24 HK			
Plain Titmouse							2							
White-breasted Nuthatch	1 Louviers 3/4 JC									2				
Red-breasted Nuthatch									1 Louviers 3/26 JC					
Pygmy Nuthatch							15 Tahosa Scout Ranch 3/24 DH							
Brown Creeper								3		1	3			
Dipper						2								1
Long-billed Marsh Wren									2					
Canon Wren								1				3		
Brown Thrasher						1 Wheatridge PE 3/17								
Curve-billed Thrasher							1							
Sage Thrasher							2							
Robin	45	17	79	7	3		53	11	1	31	10	30	8	2
Eastern Bluebird						5 N. Platte, Neb. 3/17 HK								
Western Bluebird							2		2 nr Elizabeth 3/17 JC					
Mountain Bluebird	3 Sedalia 3/10 MS		60		17		65	10	4	11				
Townsend's Solitaire		1				3	2	2				3		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1 Castlewood Dam 3/17 JC							1						
Water Pipit										3				
Bohemian Waxwing							20 Pine Junctinn 3/27 MM							
Cedar Waxwing	74		225						11 Muir Springs 3/30 JR					
Northern Shrike	1 Arsenal 3/3 JB		3					1		1				
Loggerhead Shrike							6							
Starling	100	22	600	400	52	11	700	19		2929	50	50	40	
House Sparrow	30	9	445	65	10		290			262		10	2	
Western Meadowlark	9		67	37	15		385	11	5	150	2	20	38	
Red-winged Blackbird	129		9300	*	32		8985	8	240	3215	450		125	
Brewer's Blackbird											35			
Brown-headed Cowbird							2							
Cardinal							3 N. Platte, Neb. 3/17 HK							
Evening Grosbeak	15		40 Littleton All month JT											
Cassin's Finch						3 Littleton 3/28-29 JT								2
House Finch	5		42		6				20	85		1	1	
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch														6
Brown-capped Rosy Finch		20 Dillon 3/10 HK												3
Pine Siskin	8-20 Littleton All mo. JT		4				65	3		2		10		
American Goldfinch			1				12	3		13				
Brown Towhee							3							
Rufous-sided Towhee	1 Lakewood All month JC							2				6		
White-winged Junco	3		1 Littleton 3/27 JT				1			1	1 Prewitt 3/30 JR			
Slate-colored Junco		1	1		2		1	1		4	5	2		
Oregon Junco		21	6		28	10	2	8	17	71		11	8	
Gray-headed Junco				1		2					2	5		
Tree Sparrow	3		4		1					33	7		2	
Harris' Sparrow	1				1									
White-crowned Sparrow	4		15		2					22				
Lincoln's Sparrow										(2	1 Littleton 3/27 JT			
Song Sparrow	1		8	1	4	1	7		8	21		5	4	
Lapland Longspur				17 N. of Ft. Collins 3/ 7 JB										
TOTAL SPECIES 127	48	14	56	38	38	11	69	29	38	64	39	39	36	18

INDIVIDUAL OBSERVERS: John Ball, Sophia Bogart, John Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, David Hutchinson, Paul Julian, Hugh Kingery, Maynard Maddux, Jack Reddall, Robert Reed, Mildred Snyder, Kip Stransky, Jo Trainor, Kathryn Whipple.

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist or other appropriate checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to David Hutchinson, 9141 Stuart St. Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 428-3922. Please notify the editor if a field trip is cancelled for any reason.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual contributions should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you and a friend(s) go on a field trip send in a report and I'll use themas space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as often some rather common birds are not observed on the regularly scheduled field trips. We would like to have our report of observations to beas complete as possible.

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REPORTING OF VERY RARE, CASUAL, ACCIDENTAL AND SEASONALLY UNUSUAL BIRDS: When reporting any of these birds, please give details. List field marks, behavior, habitat, observer, conditions of observation. It is essentiaa to have these types of observation documented so that the most accurate reporting of species results. Often observations are used by researchers and the better the documentation the more reliable the records.

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RARE BIRD ALERT: ATTENTION! Want to be on or off our Rare Bird Alert? Call Mildred Snyder, 366-7610 or Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947. Don't forget to notify your rare bird alert caller if you are going to be out of town.

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CLUB TELESCOPE: It is suggested that all field trip leaders try to make use of the club telescope on field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15-60 X by 60 mm. Call Don Thatcher, 455-7479 for help in locating the scope. Keep Don Thatcher informed of the location of the telescope at all times.

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CORNELL NEST CARD PROGRAM: Let's be thinking about nesting records. Be alert, make observations, write down pertinent data and make 1974 a good year for nesting records. If you have any questions or need information, contact Nancy Hurley, 1875 South Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone: 757-0837.

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CHATFIELD HERONRY BREEDING BIRD CENSUS: Every Wednesday evening, beginning May 1 there will be a trip. Meet at 5:15 p.m. at the Corps of Engineers office at Wadsworth Blvd. and Colorado 75. Check beforehand with Nancy Hurley, 757-0837; Jo Trainor, 794-5487; or Hugh Kingery, 733-0351. This will mark the fourth year of this census, which has found very high breeding densities in this cottonwood grove. Within 2 years, water will start to flood the grove, and the continuing census will chart the changes which occur as the grove floods.

BREEDING BIRD CENSUSES: Hugh Kingery suggests that if you're looking for a useful project, try a Breeding Bird Census. They are time consuming to set up and map, but they provide valuable data. Our area contributed 9 censuses in 1973 (8 from Colorado) Look for typical habitats so you can assess typical bird populations from the habitats which are in our region. The hardest part of the census is mapping it; once that is done all you have to do is make 2-3 trips per month during the Breeding season, mapping singing males. You can obtain writted instructions by writing American Birds, 950 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Conducting censuses like these, particularly from year to year will teach you much about birds, their behavior and habitat.

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MAY 1974 - FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

MAY 4, Saturday, Deer Creek Canyon. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. Meet attthe Dry Creek Shopping Center, South Logan and Hampden, at 7:00 A.M. *

5, Sunday. Red Rocks. Donald Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 26th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. ½ day trip.

11, Saturday. SPRING COUNT. SELECT YOUR OWN AREA. (Try to check with others so that we don't have duplication of coverage) Send your reports on an appropriate checklist to the editor.

12, Sunday. Guanella Pass. Bob Buttery, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *

18 and 19, Saturday and Sunday. Colorado Field Ornithologists Convention at Pueblo.

18, Saturday. Sloan's Lake to Chasteen's Grove(west of Loveland). David Hutchinson, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 6:30 A.M. *

19, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Jean White, Leader. Meet at the west entrance at 9:00 A.M. *

25, Saturday. Johnson Park to Golden. George Shier, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *

26, Sunday. Barr Lake and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 28, 1974
"Small Game Management in Colorado."
By
Robert Tully

7:30 P. M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

APRIL 1974 FIELD TRIPS

APRIL 6, Saturday. McClelland Reservoir, Louviers, Plum Creek, Northern Douglas County. Bob Reed, Leader. (Clear to partly cloudy, 10 to 15 mph wind, 7 hours) Dorothy Bailey, Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Fred Houser, Hazel Kellogg, Pat Kraker, Cicely Mellor, Sue Merrick, Joanne Schnepf, Mary Jane Schock. (44 Species)

6-7, Saturday and Sunday. Wray, Bonny State Recreation Area, Highway 36 Ponds. Sophia Bogart and Christine Bonney, Observers. (Saturday. Warm, 50-60°, wind, 10-20 mph, Sunday, rain, snow, 30-40°, wind, 20 mph) (46 Species)

7, Sunday. Sloan's Lake and Red Rocks. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. (Windy, cool, some clouds, 5 hours) Fred Houser, Berneice Merry, Marjorie Roberts. (37 Species)

12, Friday. Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir, Mile High Lakes, Barr Lake, and Cherry Creek Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Observer. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, thundershowers in P.M. 44-56°, 12 hours) (80 Species)

13, Saturday. Boulder, Valmont Reservoir. Paul Julian, Leader. (Snow, fog, wind, 2 hours) Dick Weppner. (39 Species)

13-14, Saturday and Sunday. Eads Lakes, Baca County, Cottonwood Creek, Two Buttes Reservoir. Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Edie Trimmer, Observers. (Saturday, wind 40 mph, 40°, rain, snow, sleet. Sunday, wind 15 mph, 50°, clear, 24 hours) (57 Species)

15, Monday. Banner Lakes. Paul and Shirley Rechel, Observers. (39 Species)

17, Wednesday. Barr Lake, Mile High Lakes. Mildred Snyder, Observer. (44 Species)

20, Saturday. Daniel's Park, McClelland Reservoir, Waterton. Ed Arenson, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Dave McCargo, Observers. (Windy, overcast, 40's, 5½ hours) (38 Species)

20, Saturday. Sharp-tailed Grouse Count. Complete report to be included in separate article.

21, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake, Mile High Duck Club. Jack Reddall, Leader. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, 41-62°, squall in P.M., 9 hours) Ed and Irene Arenson, Bruce Bosley, Lisa Carlton, Charles Chase, Tom Cooke, John and Joyce Cooper, Pat Ebbets, Robert Glover, Jean Herron, Vi Hubka, Chicky Iovine, Steve Larson, Dan and Kathy McCamman, Berneice Merry, Mike Moulton, Pete Moulton, Todd Plummer, Ralph Sargent, Doug Stotz, Garland and Becky Truitt, Vito Tursi. (85 Species)

26, Friday, Barr Lake and Mile High Duck Club. (Clear, sunny, 72°, 6¼ hours) John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Ron Lestina. (60 Species)

27, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Sophia Bogart, Leader. (Moderate weather, 8 hours) Vi and Henry Bossman, Maggie Denney, Hazel Kellogg, Dave McCargo, Ralph Sargent, Becky and Garland Truitt. (65 Species)

27, Pueblo to Walsenburg and Return. David Griffiths and Jack Reddall, Observers. (Partly cloudy, 50-79°, 10-3/4 hours) (105 Species)

28, Sunday. Waterton. Hugh Kingery, Leader. (Partly cloudy, 8 hours) Helen Anderson, Bobby Ausfahl, Dorothy Bailey, Merle Barbour, Urling Cannon, Mary Cornelius, Emily Durham, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Bob and Margaret Geick, Karl Stecher, Don Thatcher. (52 Species)

APRIL	6	6-7	7	7	12	13	13-14	15	17	20	20	21	26	27	27	28
AREA	MRPC	WBON	SL	RRP	MSR	BOUL	EBAC	BAN	BMHL	DEC	DMW	BMHL	BMHL	PNG	PUEB	WAT
HABITAT		PLNS	PLNS	FOOTPLNS		PLNS		PLNS	PLNS			PLNS	PLNS	PLNS		
SPECIES																
Common Loon	1 CCRA 4/13 JR		1 Marston 4/18 DS			3 Marston 4/18 JC					2 Marston 4/23 PE					
Horned Grebe	1	1	25	26		4			50			26	7	1		
Eared Grebe												(2		3	4	
Western Grebe	2 Barr 4/8 JC			19					50	10	170	160	50		6	
Pied-billed Grebe		2 Wheatridge 4/16-19 PR									3	5	8	2	2	
White Pelican				14			2 Barr 4/24 MS,SB,CB						2	7		
Double-crested Cormorant	31 Barr4/8 JC			6					20			64	35			
Great Blue Heron				8	9	2	1		33	2		56	25		2	2
Green Heron				1 Wheatridge 4/19 PR NEW EARLY RECORD											1	
Common Egret											(1 Boulder 4/27 SL					
Snowy Egret		(1 Barr 4/20JR				2 CCRA 4/22 BA						1	21		3	
Black-crowned Night Heron				(1						3		9				
American Bittern						1 Sawhill Ponds 4/27 RS						(2				
White-faced Ibis	(1 CCRA 4/14 JR								17			8	11		17	
Canada Goose	9	4	65	4		15		2	6	5	5	8	10			3
Snow Goose		101		11												
(17) Ross' Goose						1 CCRA 4/16 JRJCSEE DETAILS										
Mallard	31	18	62	410		6	5	30	500	121	6	417	65	16	72	5
Gadwall	65	126	9	330		20		4	20	25		350	225	3	95	
Pintail	47	35	4	375				50	50	19	4	605	12	22	10	
Green-winged Teal	23	2		247		2			6	35		140	8	17	32	
Blue-winged Teal		2		9		3			9	1	1	28	15	2	12	
Cinnamon Teal	2	2		12		3			6	4		20	16	8	8	
American Widgeon	18	750	4	170		6	21	100	10	23	6	125	23	2	8	
Shoveler		125	28	1265		13	12	10	50	1		590	105	4	220	
Wood Duck																2
Redhead	35	4	10	55		82		20	1	17	6	29	12	2		
Ring-necked Duck	12	1 Bonny 4/6 DES		4		5		6				4			2	
Canvasback		1		118		11		10			6	26		10		
Greater Scaup		2 Bonny 4/6 DES								2						
Lesser Scaup	6	3	30	290		38	5	20	52	4	1	230	27	12	62	
Common Goldeneye	10 Bonny 4/6 DES		1	16		1						1				
Bufflehead	1	3		13				8	28	2		11	5	1	16	
(20) Oldsquaw							1 i male									
Ruddy Duck		2		45				2	30			300	25	3	65	
Common Merganser	28	100	12	75				4				30	10	2		
Red-breasted Merganser				4 Marston 4/18 JC							4 Marston 4/23 PE					
Turkey Vulture	1 Evergreen DS		16 Waterton4/14 HK			2	4		7	2					13	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk									2							
Cooper's Hawk				1 1 Wheatridge 4/16-19 PR					3							
Red-tailed Hawk	2	3		1		2	1	2	29	2	3		3			2
Harlan's Hawk						1 Boulder 4/27 SL NEW LATE RECORD										
Broad-winged Hawk				1 Waterton 4/14 HK												
Swainson's Hawk			2 Barr 4/20 JR			2			4		3	4	5	4		
Rough-legged Hawk	1	1		1	1	1			3		1					
Ferruginous Hawk	1 Sedalia 4/16 JC					1		1	2				1			
Golden Eagle			1 Middle Poudre Canyon 4/12 PR							2 South Park 4/21 PR						
Bald Eagle				1 i)												
Marsh Hawk		5				10	2	1	5		5		2	3	2	
Osprey	1 CCRA 4/13,14 JR		2 CCRA 4/17 MS			1 CCRA 4/20 JR		1 Marstan 4/23 PE			2 CCRA 4/22 BA					
Prairie Falcon									3						1	
Pigeon Hawk			1 Boulder 4/16 SL			1 I25 and Clear Creek 4/17 DH										
Sparrow Hawk	5	6		24		5	26	10	10	60	13		7	1	25	6
Blue Grouse			2 Evergreen 4/28 DS							1 Beaver Brook Trail 4/28 DE						
Sage Grouse		6 Walden 4/6 HH,JR				99 Coalmont 4/7 HH,JR										
Sharp-tailed Grouse									41							
Greater Prairie Chicken						9										
Scaled Quail															11	
Ring-necked Pheasant	11			2		2	2	4	2			22	2	1		1
Chukar												5				
Turkey						12										
Sandhill Crane									1							
Virginia Rail				(4		1 Waterton 4/14 HK										
Sora (158)										(1 Kersey 4/27 NH						
American Coot	280	5	10	52		16	80	100	50	200	150	120	378	9	130	
Semipalmated Plover			(1 Prospect Valley 4/20 JR			1 CCRA 4/22 BA									1	
Killdeer	1	3		19		3	5	8	4	5		16	8	8	16	7
Mountain Plover														(4	1	
Common Snipe				1					1			2	2		3	
Long-billed Curlew		(1 CCRA 4/17 HH				6		1 CCRA 4/22 BA								
Spotted Sandpiper		(1 Waterton 4/21 HK				2 CCRA 4/22 BA									1	2
Willet						5 Barr,MHDC SB,CB 4/22						(4		1	1	
Greater Yellowlegs	2 Barr 4/8 JC			3		11	1		1	2		5	1 Barr 4/22 SB,CB			
Lesser Yellowlegs				(4					3			30	18		9	
Baird's Sandpiper				12			25		5			25		12	6	

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AREA	MRPC	WBON	SL	RRP	MSR	BOUL	EBAC	BAN	BMHL	DEC	DMW	BMHL	BMHL	PNG	PUEB	WAT
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS		PLNS	PLNS			PLNS	PLNS	PLNS		
SPECIES																
Least Sandpiper															19	
Long-billed Dowitcher					1				11			20	31		12	
Semipalmated Sandpiper															4	
Western Sandpiper															115	
Marbled Godwit							(1 CCRA 4/20 JC				2 CCRA 4/22 BA					
Sanderling											(1 CCRA 4/22 BA					
American Avocet	1 Tower Rd. Pond 4/8 JC					10		1	12			17		2	26	
Black-necked Stilt											(2 Boulder 4/28 SL					
Wilson's Phalarope	(25 MHDC 4/20 JR				125 Tower Rd. Pond 4/24 JB			7				83	11	1	70	
Herring Gull					2	2 CCRA 4/20 JR						2	2 CCRA 4/22 BA			
California Gull	1				5							6		3		
Ring-billed Gull		25	35		89	14	4					42			1	2
Franklin's Gull		21				10				3		1				
Bonaparte's Gull					6		10	(1				3	6 Sloan's L 4/23	PELREW		
Forster's Tern			1(5 Sloan's L. 4/17 JC				2 Sloan's L. 4/23 PELREW					2			1	
Band-tailed Pigeon											1 Evergreen 4/27 DS					
Rock Dove	8			25	12		20			48		14	4		16	
Mourning Dove		24	1		13	21	8	2	6	197		17	19	36	84	20
Great Horned Owl		1			2	1			2	10		5	4	2	1	3
Burrowing Owl					2	2 CCRA 4/17 MS		1 CCRA 4/22 BA				3		5	1	
Long-eared Owl														1 Waterton 4/27 HK		
Short-eared Owl	1 CCRA 4/14 JR		2 CCRA 4/17 MS				CCRA 4/22 JR					2 MHDC 4/22 SB,CB				
Chimney Swift				(2 Titan Rd. 4/16 JC					1 Boulder 4/29 SL							
WHite-throated Swift											(1				2	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird								(1 Waterton 4/27 HK			1 Beaver Brook Trail 4/28			PE	2	
Belted Kingfisher						1		1	2 Wheatridge 4/16-19 PR				1		1	
Red-shafted Flicker	12	3		2	12	3	1	4	2	30	2	4	8	2	4	
Lewis' Woodpecker	2	6 Louviers, Jackson Cr.,			12	Sedalia 4/16 JC				2	1				4	
Williamson's Sapsucker					3 Genessee 4/9 JC											
Hairy Woodpecker					1	1				1		1				1
Downy Woodpecker	2	1		1	3	1	1			2	1	3	4	2	3	14
Western Kingbird										2					3	
Eastern Phoebe							4	(1 SE Denver 4/25 BA			1 Waterton PE,RA 4/30					
Black Phoebe															2	
Say's Phoebe	1	1					10	1		9		3		2	10	

Traill's Flycatcher							(1 singing Boulder 4/28 SL NEW EARLY RECORD									
Western Flycatcher							(1 Waterton 4/30 JJC, PE, FH									
Western Wood Pewee							(1 Boulder 4/28 SL									
Horned Lark	1	34			72		104	6	1	470	4	9		95	29	
Violet-green Swallow										1	4				1	4
Tree Swallow	(1 Prospect Valley 4/20 JR						700 Henry's L 4/21 RS				4				2	4
Bank Swallow							(2 CCRA 4/21 JR									
Rough-winged Swallow										1					6	(2
Barn Swallow		1			13			1	5	9	1	8	18	25	44	2
Cliff Swallow					(4 CCRA 4/21 JR			3 Waterton 4/30 JJC,PE,FH							74	
Gray Jay	2 Berthoud Pass 4/6 JR,HH															
Blue Jay	1	2			6					15		1		2		2
Steller's Jay	1						1 Waterton 4/14 HK			60					4	
Scrub Jay	1			5							3			1	6	
Black-billed Magpie	68	20	9	5	79	7	2	20	7	201	8	65	28	11	67	18
Common Raven							6			6	8	1 City Park 4/21		DS	1	
White-necked Raven							5									
Common Crow	260	1	1	20	3	4				42					29	1
Pinon Jay										1	6 Durango 4/21 PR				2	
Black-capped Chickadee	2	2		2	16	3 Wheatridge 4/16-19		PR	7	1	13	12			5	12
Mountain Chickadee			1 Lower Poudre Canyon 4/21 PR					2 CCRA 4/22 BA							2	
Plain Titmouse															1	
White-breasted Nuthatch	2			1 Durango 4/20 PR					1							
Pygmy Nuthatch										2	3					
Brown Creeper	1 Bonny 4/6 DES														1	
Dipper					1	2 Lower Poudre Canyon 4/12,			1 Durango 4/20 PR						1	
House Wren	(2 Waterton 4/21 HK			1 Waterton 4/23 JC											1	24
Bewick's Wren							4								3	
Canon Wren					2		3		1							
Rock Wren	1 Prospect Res 4/20 JR						3			2	2					
Mockingbird	1 CCRA 4/15 JR	1 SE Denver 4/25 BA				1	1 Aurora 4/21 JR		1 S Denver 4/30 CM						2	1
Brown Thrasher												1				
Sage Thrasher					1 Wiggins 4/12 JR											
Robin	68	15	10	9	17	45	3	20	9	297	6	26	22	1	9	60
Hermit Thrush											1 Waterton 4/27 HK					
Western Bluebird										16	4 Waterton 4/27 HK					
Mountain Bluebird	32	1 Bonny 4/6 DES		10 South Park 4/19 PR						226	1				18	
Townsend's Solitaire				1						1					1	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher							(1 Boulder 4/27 SL				1 Smith Res 4/28 JBB					

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AREA	MRPC	WBON	SL	RRP	MSR	BOUL	EBAC	BAN	BHML	DEC	DMW	BMHL	BMHL	PNG	PUEB	WAT
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS		PLNS	PLNS			PLNS	PLNS	PLNS		
SPECIES																
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 Wheatridge 4/22 PR						1			1	1	1				2
Water Pipit							1 Wheatridge 4/16-19 PR							1		
Cedar Waxwing					7		100 Waterton 4/14 HK				2 Boulder 4/28 SL					
Northern Shrike										3						
Loggerhead Shrike		2			2		13			38	2	2		5	2	
Starling	84		15	10	263	150	100	10	50	73		63	45	15	49	10
Black and White Warbler										(1 Boulder 4/28 SL						
Tennessee Warbler	1 SE Denver 4/25 BA NEW EARLY RECORD											1 Smith Res 4/28 JBB				
(152) Orange-crowned Warbler	(3 Waterton 4/27 HK 1 Red Rocks 4/28 RS 2 Waterton 4/30 JJCPEFH														1	2
Parula Warbler					(1 Waterton 4/27 HK 1 Boulder 4/29 SL											2
Myrtle Warbler							2 Castlewood 4/20 JC			2	2	3	6	1	2	67
Audubon Warbler							1 Castlewood 4/20 JC			3	6	4	6		3	79
Black-throated Gray Warbler																(1
(110) Yellow-throated Warbler							(1 Waterton 4/30 RAJJCPEFH NEW EARLY RECORD									
Blackpoll Warbler					(1 Red Rocks 4/28 RS			1 Golden Park 4/29 RS								
(145) Yellowthroat															1	(2
Wilson's Warbler																(3
House Sparrow	12		20		253	15	30		10	19		115	50	10	77	2
Western Meadowlark	78	104		3	260	15	108	50	50	737	20	175	25	70	333	44
Yellow-headed Blackbird					40			100	525	1		110	80	10	6	
Red-winged Blackbird	64	135	2		1185	450	50	50	50	235	20	895	130	42	195	5
Rusty Blackbird	1 Bonny 4/6 DES															
Brewer's Blackbird	25 Bonny 4/6 DES				12				10	43		1			17	
Common Grackle	2		4		75	14	89	10		43		36	55	2	73	26
Brown-headed Cowbird					6		3			51		2	1		33	8
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					(1 Wheatridge 4/28 LR					1 Wheatridge 4/29 JC PE						
Black-headed Grosbeak																6
Lazuli Bunting					(2 Waterton 4/27 HK 1 Waterton 4/30 JJC PE FH											3
Evening Grosbeak	1			2			10	25 Littleton All month JT						51		2
Cassin's Finch	4-10 Littleton 4/10-27 JT															
House Finch	4		1		14					19	4	10	25	36		10
Pine Grosbeak	3 Berthoud Pass 4/6 HH, JR															
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch							1 Green Mountain 4/13 ME									
Black Rosy Finch							3 Green Mountain 4/13 ME									
Pine Siskin	3	10		4	5					262	4	8		10	42	95
American Goldfinch	1	3				1						15		1	4	
Green-tailed Towhee					1 Waterton 4/30 JJC PE FH								(1 NEW EARLY RECORD			
Rufous-sided Towhee	2			3	1					50	3	(1	25		3	
Brown Towhee							7							1		
Lark Bunting							95								2	
Savannah Sparrow	1 Grandby 4/7 HH,JR											(1			3	
Vesper Sparrow	(3 CCRA 4/13 JR				2		3			15	1	13		30	2	
Lark Sparrow							1 San Luis Valley 4/19 PR									
Cassin's Sparrow	(1 Lakewood 4/5, 5 Louviers 4/16, 4 Wheatridge 4/29 JC															
Slate-colored Junco		2			1											
Oregon Junco	1			15	8	2		3		81			2			
Gray-headed Junco				2	1		1 1 Wheatridge 4/16-19 PR 1							1		
Tree Sparrow					2											
Chipping Sparrow							21				1		6	4	7	16
Clay-colored Sparrow										1					6	
Brewer's Sparrow							(1 SE Denver 4/25 BA 3							3		
Harris' Sparrow					3 2 Waterton 4/14 HK 3 SE Denver 4/17,25 BA											
White-crowned Sparrow	1				11					1	1	18	6	2	26	7
Lincoln's Sparrow	1 Littleton All mo JT				1	1	Waterton 4/14 HK 1 SE Denver 4/17 BA								1	
Song Sparrow					6			6		10			2		1	12
McCown's Longspur														2		
Chestnut-collared Longspur														8		
TOTAL SPECIES	203	44	46	23	18	80	39	57	39	44	94	38	85	60	65	105	52

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: Bob Andrews, Roberta Ausfahl, John Ball, Blake and Jerome Besser, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Margaret Elliott, Frances Hames, Harold Holt, Nancy Hurley, David Hutchinson, Hugh Kingery, Steve Larson, Cicely Mellor, Paul Reched, Jack Reddall, Leona Rowe, Don and Eloise Sletten, Mildred Snyder, Robert Spencer, Doug Stotz, Jo Trainor, Eleanor Walker.

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FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY BALD EAGLE PROGRAM: Let's continue to support this program. Save undamaged, unsoaked stamps. Cut them from the envelopes leaving ¼ to ½ inch margin. Deliver them to Patty Echelmeyer at the meetings or mail them to her at: 2695 Newland St., Denver, Colorado 80214.

ROSS" GOOSE OBSERVED AT CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR: April 16, 1974 a Ross' Goose was observed at Cherry Creek Reservoir by Jack Reddall. It was later observed by John Cooper. A Colorado Field Ornithologist's Sight Record form has been submitted to the Colorado Field Ornithologists Official Records Committe. The following is a summary of that report.

Jack Reddall reports he first observed the bird feeding in a small marshy area along the south-west shore of Cherry Creek Reservoir. He immediately recognized it as a small goose, but not having any optical equipment, he quickly drove home to get his telescope. Upon returning to the area in a matter of minutes, he was easily able to relocate the bird. It was swimming along just a few feet off shore. Eventually it walked back into the marsh and began feeding on small grasses and reeds in the company of a pair of Gadwalls. He was able to observe the Ross' Goose in the same field with the Gadwalls at about 150 feet distant using variously 20X to 45X. The Ross' Goose was a little bit larger than the Gadwalls(possibly 3", maybe a little more) After about 15 minutes the Gadwalls moved off and Ross' Goose stood quietly in a grassy area, sideways to the observer for another 10 minutes of observation, occasionally preening itself and glancing skyward. The unmarked pinkish bill was easily viewed. During the last ten minutes of observation, a pair of Mallards joined the Ross' Goose. The Mallards were roughly the same size(length) but the Goose appeared much plumper.

The Ross' Goose, Chen rossii was observed April 16, 1974 from 4:05 P.M. to 4:50 P.M. MDT at the Cherry Creek Reservoir near Parker and Englewood intArapahoe County, Colorado. It was also observed by John Cooper. Mr. Reddall used a Bausch and Lomb 15x to 60x Zoom Telescope. Light conditions were excellent. Bright sunligh from directly behind the observer. The distance was estimated to be 150 feet. One bird was observed. The sex was not determined. The bird was in adult breeding plumage. Its overall appearance was a small goose with all white plumage with black tipped wings, a small rounded head, coral red bill and short necked. The detailed description is as follows: The bill was small, coral red; shorter than the head; no grinning patch. The legs were dull reddish; feet were webbed also dull reddish. The crown and forehead were snowy white; the eye was dark; The nape snowy white the face white; the throat white; Breast and sides snowy white; the belly and flanks snowy white; undertail coverts white; back white; wings white, black primaries; underwings not seen; rump white; uppertail coverts white; upperside of the tail white; Underside of the tail white. The tail was short and stubby. The bird was quiet so no sound were heard. Observed behavior included: Swam in shallow water; walked into small marshy area; quietly feeding of small grasses and reeds. Also feeding on grassy area out of water. The habitat was a small fresh water cattail marsh at the edge of a large high plains reservoir. Observer has seen 12 with 300+ Snow Geese at the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, Merced County, Colorado on March 12, 1972. Similarly appearing species were eliminated thusly: Snow Goose is larger; SNow Goose also has proportionately larger bill with "black lips" on the mandibles which appear as a "grinning patch." This report was written from notes made during observation.

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CLUB TELESCOPE: It is suggested that all field trip leaders attempt to make use of the club telescope on field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15x to 60 x by 60mm. Call Don Thatcher 455-7479 for help in locating the scope. Please keep Don Thatcher informed of the location of the telescope at all times.

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CORNELL NESTING RECORD PROGRAM: Let's be continuing our observations of nesting birds, Be alert, make observations, write down pertinent data and make 1974 a good year for nesting records. If you have any questions or need information, contact Nancy Hurley, 1875 South Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone: 757-0837.

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AMERICAN BIRDS CONTRIBUTORS: Spring Migration April 1-May 31, 1974.

Hugh Kingery, Regional Editor, requests that contributions for the Denver area be sent to Lynn Willcockson, 2698 South Niagara St., Denver, Colorado 80222. Reports from other parts of the region should be sent to Hugh Kingery, 869 Milwaukee St., Denver, Colorado 80206.
The report on the spring migration should cover some or all of the following: (a) Dates of peak migration for various species and the number seen of these species. Were the numbers up, down, orthe same? (b) Population trends, both up and down--compare with the normal or average counts or 1973. (c)Rare and unusual species, with details, numbers and dates; eruptions? (d) How the weather affected migration. (e) Birds harmed, threatened, or benefited by man's activities, expansion of our cities, oil shale, pesticides, natural disasters, etc. (Please list your observations in checklist order whether they refer to items (a), (c), or (e) We want to know about the common birds as well as the rarities, because American Birds wants to chronicle the bird populations of all species for which we can gather data. Please send reports to Lynn as the information you send to the DFO newsletter does not get to Lynn until it is published and may not make his deadline of the 5th. Hugh asks your cooperation in sending in your reports early this report period as he is going to be out of town during most of June.

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CONGRATULATIONS. are extended to Hugh Kingery and Urling Cannon as they are to be married June 15, 1974 in Cherry Valley, New York.

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CHATFIELD HERONRY BREEDING BIRD CENSUS: Every Wednesday night continuing from June 5 the census will be held. Meet at 5;15 P. M. at the Corps of Engineers office at Wadsworth Blvd. (Colorado 121) and Colorado 75. Check beforehand with Nancy Hurley, 757-0837; Jo Trainor, 794-5489 or Hugh Kingery, 733-0351. This will mark the fourth year of this census, which has found very high breeding densities in this cottonwood grove. Within 2 years, water will start to flood the grove, and the continuing census will chart the changes which oocur as the grove floods.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND UNDELIVERED BULLETINS: Please notify your editor of any change of address or any issues of The Lark Bunting which are not received.

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The Colorado Field Ornithologists-Official Records Committee is interested in receiving documented reports on the following rare or unusual species. Observations of any of these birds from within Colorado should be reported to: Mr. Jack Reddall, Chairman, CFO-Official Records Committee, 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110 using the Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Report form (of facsimile).

Yellow-billed Loon
Arctic Loon
Red-throated Loon
Red-necked Grebe
Brown Pelican
Olivaceous Cormorant
Anhinga
Little Blue Heron
Reddish Egret
Louisiana Heron
Least Bittern
Wood Ibis
Glossy Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill
Trumpeter Swan
Brant
Black Brant
Mexican Duck
Mottled Duck
European Widgeon
Harlequin Duck
Common Eider
Common Scoter
Swallow-tailed Kite
Red-shouldered Hawk
Gyrfalcon
Ruffed Grouse
Whooping Crane
Yellow Rail
Purple Gallinule
Common Gallinule
Piping Plover
American Woodcock
Eskimo Curlew
Short-billed Dowitcher
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Hudsonian Godwit
Red Phalarope
Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger
Iceland Gull
Laughing Gull
Ivory Gull
Black-legged Kittiwake
Common Tern
Least Tern
Ancient Murrelet
White-winged Dove
Barred Owl
Spotted Owl
Boreal Owl
Whip-poor-will
Lesser Nighthawk
Anna's Hummingbird
Rivoli's Hummingbird
Blue-throated Hummingbird
Great Crested Flycatcher
Olivaceous Flycatcher
Black Phoebe
Eastern Wood Pewee
Vermillion Flycatcher
Purple Martin
Carolina Wren
Short-billed Marsh Wren
Long-billed Thrasher
Bendire's Thrasher
Gray-cheeked THrush
Sprague's Pipit
Phainopepla
Yellow-throated Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Prothonotary Warbler
Swainson's Warbler
Golden-winged Warbler
Lucy's Warbler
Cape May Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Pine Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Connecticut Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Canada Warbler
Painted Redstart
Eastern Meadowlard
Boat-tailed Grackle
Hepatic Tanager
Painted Bunting
Purple Finch
Baird's Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Smith's Longspur

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT CFO-ORC FILE #_____

☐ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

Species:_____ | _____
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s):_____ Time Bird Seen:_____ to_____

Locality:_____

Nearest Town:_____ County:_____

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE

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Optical Equipment:_____

Light Conditions:_____

Distance from Bird (how measured):_____

Number of Birds Seen:_____ Sex:_____ Plumage:_____

Overall Appearance and Size:_____

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Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color):_____

Legs (shape and color):_____

Crown and Forehead:_____ Eye (color)_____

Nape:_____ Face:_____ Throat:_____

Breast and Sides:_____

Belly and Flanks:_____

Undertail Coverts:_____

Back:_____

Wings:_____

Underwings:_____

Rump:_____ Uppertail Coverts:_____

Upper Side of Tail:_____

Under Side of Tail:_____

Shape of Tail:_____

Voice:_____

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Behavior:_____

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Habitat:_____

Prior Experience with this Species:_____

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How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated?_____

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This Report was Written From: Notes made during___ after___ observation; Memory_____

Signed:_____ Street Address:_____

Date Prepared:_____ Town and State:_____ Zip_____

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(USE REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET OR ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)

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REPORTING OF VERY RARE, CASUAL, ACCIDENTAL AND SEASONALLY UNUSUAL BIRDS: When reporting any of these birds, please give as many details as possible. List field marks, behavior, habitat, observers, conditions of observation. It is necessary to have these types of observations documented so that accurate reporting of species results. Often observations are used by researchers and the better documentation the more reliable the records.

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RARE BIRD ALERT: ATTENTION! Want to be on(or off our Rare Bird Alert List? Call Mildred Snyder, 366-7610 or Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4847. Don't forget to notify your rare bird alert caller if you are going to be out of town.

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1974 SPRING WILDLIFE COUNT IN THE UPPER PORTION OF PLUM, CHERRY, BOX ELDER, AND KIOWA CREEK DRAINAGES SUMMARY by Robert J. Tully, Wildlife Supervisor and Trip Leader, Colorado Division of Wildlife.

On Saturday, April 20, 1974, 76 participants recorded 13 species of mammals, totaling 267 individuals and 94 species of birds, totaling 4,446 individuals, during an early morning wildlife count. Representatives from nine conservation agencies or organizations including the Aiken Audubon Society, Denver Audubon Society, Denver Field Ornithologists, Denver Zoo, Division of Wildlife, Forest Service, Colorado State University, Izaack Walton League of America, and Pueblo Audubon Society had an enjoyable time while putting forth considerable effort in documenting the occurrence and relative abundance of wildlife near Castle Rock, Colorado.

An area 30 by 35 miles or approximately 1,000 square miles within the eastern 18 miles of Douglas, western 16 miles of Elbert and northern 5 miles of El Paso counties was divided into 16 sections, varying from 40 to 80 square miles in size. From 3 to 8 individuals, depending on section location, size and terrain, covered each area as best as possible from about 5:30 A. M. to 10:30 A.M. The census was successfully carried out by slowly driving county roads within assigned mapped areas, stopping approximately every half mile of the area covered to listen and observe. Some off-road travel and short hikes were made by most parties. Over 380 man-hours of observation were recorded from the 22 vehicles used.

Weather conditions were excellent. The temperature ranged from 30° just before daylight to about 60° by late morning. Skies were clear to about 50 % overcast depending on time and location. At mid-morning there was light rain in the far eastern portion of the count zone. The wind remained calm, below 5 mph, until about 7:45 A. M. Thereafter, winds of 10-15 mph occurred in most locations but did not interfere with the count.

As there are over 800 miles of state and county roads within the area of concern and considering the location of primary roads, the slow speeds driven, the time taken of close observation, etc., it is believed that only 10 to 15 % of the toatal 1,000 square miles was covered intensively. A few parties recorded species but not total numbers observed, however, the totals of a majority of parties are believed to be representative for all. The large sample of wildlife recorded by species and abundance gives a good indication of the relative density at this one time of year.

A total of 41 Sharp-tailed Grouse were observed and birds were heard at five other localities. The number of grouse seen at any one spot ranged from 1 to 21. Dancing activities were observed at only 3 grounds. Grouse were seen at 3 additional locations, however dancing grounds at these sites were not found.

Overall it was a very beneficial spring count. As with all wildlife census activities information gathered can be used to influence man's activities to benefit the various wildlife present. Additional similar counts, both in the spring and at other times of the year, in the same area are recommended.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who assisted in making this count possible and especially to the following who participated from before daylight through the morning.

Ed Arenson, Dorothy Bailey, Neil Bernstein, Martha Bildstein, Helen Birss, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Galen Burrell, Bob Buttery, Bonnie Butzman, Charles Campbell, Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Farrell Copelin, Jerry Craig, Jim Cruse, Ed Curry, Paul Darby, Gary Ellingson, John Erickson, Larry and Mrs. Field, Heather Flanagan, Kate Fuhs, Neil Garrison, Paul Gertler, Bernie and Mrs. Goetz, Helen Grass, Terry Hale, Brian Hanson, Dave and Nancy Hattan, Dale Hein, Ed and Jolene Huntington, Gayle Ireland, Gary Koeln, Bud Lehnhausen, Dave McCargo, Bruce McCloskey, Sue Merrick, Amy Miller, James Morris, Bud O'Hara, Larry O'Nedahl, Brent Renfrow, Larry and Merle Richmond, George, and Beryl Ritchey, Jerry Roppe, Cal Royall, Dal Schaeffer, Bob Schumacher, Devvie Senn, Ben and Sally Sorenson, Bill Spanogle, Robert Spencer, Dale Stahlecker, Barbara and Karen Steenhof, David Thomas, Helen Thurlow, Edie Trimmer, Van Truan, Becky and Garland Truitt, Debbie, Sharon, Steve, and Robert Tully, Charlie Vossbrinck, Lois Webster.

MAMMALS OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF CASTLE ROCK AND KIOWA
April 20, 1974

Species	Number	
Cottontail	4	
Colorado Chipmunk	2	
Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel	17	
Rock Squirrel,	4	
Black-tailed Prairie Dog	150	plus 2 colonies
Abert's Squirrel	2	
Plains Pocket Gopher	1	
Muskrat	1	
Porcupine	1	
Coyote	4	
Red Fox,	1	
Antelope	17	
Mule Deer	55	
Unknown Rodents	8	
TOTAL	267	Mammals

BIRDS OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF CASTLE ROCK AND KIOWA
April 20, 1974

Species	Number	Species	Number
Western Grebe	10	Western Kingbird	2
Great Blue Heron	2	Say's Phoebe	9
Black-crowned Night Heron	3	Horned Lark	470+
Canada Goose	5	Violet-green Swallow	1
Mallard	121	Rough-winged Swallow	1
Gadwall	25	Barn Swallow	9
Pintail	19	Blue Jay	15
Green-winged Teal	35	Steller's Jay	60
Blue-winged Teal	1	Scrub Jay	68
Cinnamon Teal	4	Black-billed Magpie	201
American Widgeon	23	Common Raven	6
Shoveler	1	Common Crow	42
Redhead	17	Pinon Jay	1
Greater Scaup	2	Black-capped Chickadee	7
Lesser Scaup	4	Mountain Chickadee	7
Bufflehead	2	White-breasted Nuthatch	1
Turkey Vulture	7	Pygmy Nuthatch	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	Canon Wren	1
Cooper's Hawk	3	Rock Wren	2
Red-tailed Hawk	29	Robin	297+
Swainson's Hawk	4	Western Bluebird	16
Rough-legged Hawk	3	Mountain Bluebird	226
Ferruginous Hawk	2	Townsend's Solitaire	1
Golden Eagle	5	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Marsh Hawk	5	Northern Shrike	3
Prairie Falcon	3	Loggerhead Shrike	38
Pigeon Hawk	1	Starling	244
Sparrow Hawk	60	Myrtle's Warbler	2
Sharp-tailed Grouse	41	Audubon's Warbler	3
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	House Sparrow	19
Sandhill Crane	1	Western Meadowlark	737+
American Coot	200	Yellow-headed Blackbird	1
Killdeer	43	Red-winged Blackbird	235
Common Snipe	5	Brewer's Blackbird	43
Willet	1	Common Grackle	43
Greater Yellowlegs	2	Brown-headed Cowbird	51
Wilson's Phalarope	7	House Finch	19
Franklin's Gull	3	Pine Siskin	262
Rock Dove	48	Rufous-sided Towhee	50
Mourning Dove	197	Vesper Sparrow	15
Great Horned Owl	10	Oregon Junco	8
Long-eared Owl	1	Gray-headed Junco	2
Belted Kingfisher	4	Chipping Sparrow	10
Red-shafted Flicker	30	Clay-colored Sparrow	1
Lewis' Woodpecker	2	Brewer's Sparrow	3
Hairy Woodpecker	1	White-crowned Sparrow	1
Downy Woodpecker	2	Song Sparrow	10
		Total	4,446

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS, USING THE DENVERFIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS AREA CHECKLIST OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHECKLIST, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER EACH TRIP TO DAVID HUTCHINSON, 9141 STUART ST., WESTMINSTER, COLORADO 80030. PHONE: 428-3922. PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR IF A FIELD TRIP IS CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON. DEADLINE: 5th of the month. Reports received after this time may not be included.

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INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual contributions should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you and a friend(s) go on a field trip, send in a report and I'll use as many of them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as often some rather common birds are not observed on the regularly scheduled field trips. We would like to have our report of observations to be as complete as possible.

Enclosed find $4.00 family, regular dues ___ or $2.00, 18 and under dues ____ for 1974.

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Return to Mrs. Kenneth Whipple, 232 Titan St., Aurora, Colorado 80010.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - JUNE 1974

JUNE 1, Saturday. Boulder. Paul Julian, Leader. Meet at Platte Junior High, Cherryvale and Baseline Dr. at 8;00 A.M. Carpool at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. *

2, Sunday. Muir Springs and Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 6:30 A.M. *

8, Saturday. McClelland Reservoir and Plum Creek. Robert Reed, Leader. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center, S. Logan and U.S. 285, and proceed to McClelland reservoir to meet the leader. * Time: 7:00 A.M.

8/9, Saturday and Sunday. Overnight camping trip to Pawnee National Grassland. Contact Nancy Hurley, Leader for details. Phone: 787-0837.

9, Sunday. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. ½ day trip. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M.

15, Saturday. Burland Estates and Area. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *

16, Sunday. Lower Bear Creek. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *

22, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Ward Chadwick, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. *

23, Sunday. Barr Lake and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *

29, Saturday. Castlewood Dam and Elizabeth Area. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. * Time: 7:00 A.M.

30, Sunday. No trip scheduled.

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MAY 1974 FIELD TRIPS

MAY 1, Wednesday. Mile High, Picadilly, Tower Road Ponds. (Cumulus clouds in west, 70s. 2½ hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Frances Hames, Edie Trimmer. (32 Species)

4, Saturday. Deer Creek, Waterton. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. (AM sunny, PM light rain, 8 hours) Bobbie Ausfahl, Margueritr and Steve Brochmeyer, Patty Echelmeyer, Ron Lestina, Lillian and Randolph McDonough, Sadie Morrison, Lulita Pritchett, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (39 Species)

4, Saturday. Greenland, Sedalia, Waterton. (Overcast AM, 60s, 8 hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Frances Hames, Edie Trimmer. (40 Species)

5, Sunday. Red Rocks, Morrison. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Fair, mild. 5 hours) Carol Hopkins, Helen and Richard Singer, Becky and Garland Truitt, Adene Vassios. (34 Species)

5, Sunday. Eldora, Boulder Campus, Sawhill. (Clear, warm, 70s, afternoon cumulus) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Frances Hames. (36 Species)

10-12 Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Baca County: Two Buttes Reservoir, Walsh and area roads, Cimarron River and roads, Cottonwood and Carrizo Canyons. Urling Cannon, Paul Julian, Hugh Kingery, Dave McCargo, Doug Stotz (137 Species)

11, SPRING COUNT. Ten counts were reported (220 Species) (See separate report for details)

12, Sunday. Genesee Park, Georgetown, Guanella Pass, Grant. Robert Buttery, Leader. (Partly cloudy, wind SW, 30 mph, 40-60°, 9½ hours) Marilyn Crane(Houston, Texas), Helen Gross, Cicely Mellor, Becky and Garland Truitt. (31 Species)

12, Sunday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. John Bailey, John Ball, Carol Hack, Fern Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Mildred Snyder, Allan Stokes, Jr., Jean, Parnell and Terry White. (83 Species)

12, Sunday. Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, CFI Lake. (Clear, high cirrus clouds) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Dave Griffiths. (69 Species)

13, Monday. Mile High, Picadilly, Tower Road Ponds. (Thunderclouds, 70-80°) Sophia Bogart (37 Species)

17-19, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Lathrop State Park, Mesa Verde, Durango, Gunnison. (Saturday Clear, 70s. Sunday Thunderstorm) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Edie Trimmer. (66 Species)

18, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, Clear Creek to Chasteen's Grove, Reservoirs southwest of Loveland. David Hutchinson, Leader. (Light overcast AM. Clear PM. 60-78°, 11 hours) Martha Chestem (Columbia, Maryland) Jeanne Hughes, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Becky and Garland Truitt. (76 Species)

18, Bonny Reservoir. (Windy, Clear) Judy Cowan, Ed and Joyce Gardner, Bill, Doug and Zanah Stotz, Edna Claire Thomas. (94 Species)

19, Cherry Creek Reservoir. Jean and Parnell White, Leaders. (54-76°. Partly cloudy. Slight breeze to very windy. 5 hours) Harriet and Marvin Clumpus, Hazel Kellogg, Terrell White. (36 Species)

25, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, Berkeley Park, Johnson's Park, Van Bibber Creek, Golden Area. George Shier, Leader. (Fair, Mild, warm. 6½ hours) Dorothy Bailey, Marguerite Brochmeyer, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Dick Fennely, Seth Goodwin, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Floyd Pendell, Mary Robinson, Marie Shier, Ruth Wheeler. (40 Species)

26, Sunday. Barr Lake. Mile High Lakes. Ray Olsen, Leader. (Warm, sunny. 8½ hours) Lori Chappell, Ward Chadwick, Harriet and Marvin Clumpus, Margaret Denney, Tom and Virginia Faxon. Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Ralph Sargent, Patritia Thorsburg. (72 Species)

27, Monday. Pawnee National Grassland. Paul Rechel Family.(35 Species)

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MAY	1	4	4	5	5	10-12	11	12	12	12	13	17-19	18	18	19	25	26	27
AREA	MPT	DCW	GSW	RRM	EBS	BACA	SC	GUAN	BAR	PUE	MPT	SWC	CGR	BON	CCR	NWG	BAR	PNG
HABITAT	PLN			FOOT				MTNS	PLN		PLN			PLN	PLN		PLN	PLN
SPECIES																		
Horned Grebe							1											
Eared Grebe		4 Bonny 5/12 RS				9	60			1				1				1
Western Grebe	1 Wheatridge 5/11 JPR					25	105		30	20			13	8	1	3	16	
Pied-billed Grebe							13		1	2			6	2			6	
White Pelican							25			3							150	
Double-crested Cormorant							60		x					1			20	
Great Blue Heron	1					2	102		30	1	1		15	2			21	
Green Heron	1 Bonny 5/9 JR						2	2 Rocky Ford 5/18					4 Rocky Ford 5/27 JR					
Cattle Egret	1 MHDC 5/4 MOS		1 MHDC 5/5 JR				1											
Common Egret									1	2								
Snowy Egret							3		3	10	1	1					8	
Black-crowned Night Heron							16		25	4	2						6	
American Bittern					1		6		1									
White-faced Ibis	2 Evergreen 5/2 DS			12 Barr 5/4 MOS			21		6	6							1	
Canada Goose			3		8		443						190	4	3	100	12	
Mallard	7	4				14	335		x	15	4	9	195	8	7	50	30	
Gadwall	20						267		x	20	8	8	7	2	4		4	2
Pintail	6					4	194		x	25	8	4	1	1			18	5
Green-winged Teal	16		1			7	58		x	75	8		3				8	
Blue-winged Teal	15		1			9	118		x	10	16		8	11	2		12	5
Cinnamon Teal	11						55		x	2	8						9	
American Widgeon						19	20		x		1			2			1	
Shoveler	10					70	171		x	20	6	2	6	9		6	26	20
Redhead	8						43		x	6	4		2				12	
Ring-necked Duck							22						1					
Canvasback	1 Barr 5/4 MOS					4												
Greater Scaup							7											
Lesser Scaup	11						38		x		2		3				2	2
Common Goldeneye	5 Two Buttes Reservoir 5/2 JR																	
Bufflehead	2 Barr 5/4 MOS						15		2									2
Ruddy Duck	8					1	44		x				14	18			18	
Hooded Merganser												1 Barr 5/24 JR						
Common Merganser							5											
Merganser, Sp						1												
Turkey Vulture		2				13	20		1			4		1				
Mississippi Kite						6	6	1A, 1I LaJunta 5/18 JR										
Goshawk	1 Evergreen 5/2 DS						2											
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1	4											
Cooper's Hawk	1 Castlewood 5/11 JR,					1	5	1 SE Denver 5/21 RA					1 Evergreen 5/25 DS					
Red-tailed Hawk	1			1		3	23	3				1		2				4
Swainson's Hawk	3					7	23			1				3	1			3
Rough-legged Hawk	1 S. Republican Wildlife Area 5/10 RS									1)								
Ferugginous Hawk						1	2							1				
Golden Eagle				2		2	7											
Marsh Hawk						4	8		1	1				4			1	
Prairie Falcon	1					1	1											
Peregrine Falcon							1	1										
Pigeon Hawk	1 Barr 5/4 MOS						1			1)								
Sparrow Hawk	4	2	3	5	2	8	47		2		3	2	54	3			3	3
White-tailed Ptarmigan								1										
Lesser Prairie Chicken	2 Baca County 5/2, 16 5/3 JR																	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	10																	
Bobwhite						4	10			5				4				
Scaled Quail						4	4			5				2				
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	2				3	23		3	1			1	11			1	
Chukar									1									
Turkey	1 Cottonwood Canyon 5/4 JR					8	3											
Virginia Rail	1 MHDC 5/5 JR					3	3										1	
Sora	1 Two Buttes Res. 5/2 JR					1	5	2 MHDC 5/5 JR										
American Coot	3					15	202		x	50	2	4	22	3			20	
Semipalmated Plover	3 MHDC 5/4 MOS						5		8)									
Killdeer	7	6		4	26	85		10	6	2	1	5	6	2			1	20
Mountain Plover	2 Two Buttes Res. 5/2 JR						2 Baca County 5/4 JR											1
American Golden Plover	1 60 miles west of Idalia 5/12 SL,RS																	
Black-bellied Plover	(3 MHDC 5/4 MOS						3		3					2)1 Lake Henry 5/27 JR				
Common Snipe	3				2		14		1									
Long-billed Curlew						6	1		1									
Whimbrel							3											
Upland Plover						5												
Spotted Sandpiper	1				1	5	49				6	1	6	2		7	1	
Solitary Sandpiper							1			20								
Willet	1 20 MHDC 5/4 MOS)						1											
Greater Yellowlegs	2 MHDC 5/4 MOS)						4											

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AREA	MPT	DCW	GSW	RRM	EBS	BACA	SC	GUAN	BAR	PUE	MPT	SWC	CGR	BON	CCR	NWG	BAR	PNG
HABITAT	PLN			FOOT				MTNS	PLN		PLN			PLN	PLN		PLN	PLN
SPECIES																		
Lesser Yellowlegs						1	8		3								3	
Yellowlegs, Sp.						1												
Knot														1				
Pectoral Sandpiper (1 Tower Rd. Pond 5/11 JR						1	2											
White-rumped Sandpiper									(1	1 Tower Rd. Pond 5/24 JR								
Baird's Sandpiper							3		2	15 US 36 Ponds 5/12 RS							1	
Least Sandpiper	(1								3	5	2 US 36 Ponds 5/12 RS							
Long-billed Dowitcher						7	38		220	50	25						2	
Stilt Sandpiper 1 Eads 5/4 JR						5	3		(3	9	35 US 36 Ponds 5/12 RS							
Semipalmated Sandpiper (1 MHDC 5/4 MOS							18		2	10	4 Tower Rd. Pond 5/24 JR							
Western Sandpiper (3 MHDC 5/4 MOS							19		3	12	1 Tower Rd, Pond 5/24 JR							
Marbled Godwit 1 MHDC 5/4 MOS							3		3									
Sanderling 2 Two Buttes Res. 5/2 JR 1 MHDC 5/4 MOS							5			2								
American Avocet		4				4	19		15	10	2		3	1			22	4
Black-necked Stilt 3 Cheraw 5/18 JR 2 MHDC 5/21 MS 3 Pueblo 5/27 JR																		
Wilson's Phalarope		4		2		6	377		70	175	70	7					6	
Northern Phalarope							3		(20		8	8 Cheraw 5/18 JR						
Herring Gull							1)											
California Gull	1 Poudre Canyon 5/4 PR						93		3				7		6		3	
Ring-billed Gull						12	51		2	15	5		90	13	1	18		
Laughing Gull							1 Kearsey 5/19 SL 2 Lake Henry 5/27 *											
Franklin's Gull	1						37		6	25	1			11	1			
Bonaparte's Gull 10 Barr 5/5 JR							1							3				
Forster's Tern					1		32		3	12			5	1		4	1	
CASPIAN TERN						1	LAKE HENRY 5/27 FIRST STATE RECORD *											
Black Tern 17 Bonny 5/9 JR (1 CCRA 5/11 JR						4	34						2	2			11	
Band-tailed Pigeon							2		38 Mt. Evans St. Wildlife Area 5/ 26									
Rock Dove				50		32	184	5					37	5		8		
Mourning Dove	10	4	10	3	3	591	919	3	15		12	6	202	88	4	50	42	100
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				1 PNG 5/19 SL			2	Lakewood 5/20 JC										
Barn Owl						2	2							1				
Screech Owl						1	1											
Great Horned Owl	2					6	18		3					1		1		
Burrowing Owl	1						22							1		1		
Long-eared Owl							10											
Short-eared Owl							2				2							
Poorwill							2	(1 SE Denver 5/13 CH 1 SE Denver 5/21 HK 5/31 JR										
Common Nighthawk						6	4	2 Wheatridge 5/26-31 JPR					3				1	
Chimney Swift 6 Boulder All month SL							8	9 Manzanola 5/18 JR					3					
White-throated Swift	20	10					26	8		4			35		2			
Black-chinned Hummingbird						1 Pueblo 5/19 JR		1 Pueblo 5/27 JR										
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1	2					56					30	6		2			
Belted Kingfisher	1					4	15				1	1		2				
Yellow-shafted Flicker 4 Bonny 5/9 JR						2	5											
Red-shafted Flicker	2	2	3	4		5	80	1	1			5	15		1	9	2	1
Common Flicker														9				
Red-bellied Woodpecker						10												
Red-headed Woodpecker 5 Bonny 5/9 JR						1	23		2								3	
Lewis' Woodpecker		2				22			3				3					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2 Poudre Canyon 5/4 PR						8	2 RMNP JPR 5/12											
Williamson's Sapsucker							1	2										
Hairy Woodpecker	1				2		23							1				
Downy Woodpecker	2				3		19					1	1	2			1	
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1 Cottonwood Canyon 5/3							2											
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker						1 Mt. Evans State Wildlife Area 5/26 JR												
Eastern Kingbird 1 Barr 5/5 JR							32	55		1			1	62	2		4	
Western Kingbird	1						245	141		9		6	1	33	53	10	11	50
Cassin's Kingbird 3 Cottonwood Canyon 5/4 JR							3											
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher							10	10										
Ash-throated Flycatcher 2 Cottonwood C 5/3 JR							16	1										
Eastern Phoebe						1	5			1								
Say's Phoebe			1	4			2	11			1				1		1	2
Empidonax, Sp.							3	20						1				3
Traill's Flycatcher						1 Red Rocks 5/11 JR												
Least Flycatcher							1	1										
Gray Flycatcher								1	4 Canon City 5/19 JR									
Western Flycatcher								1										
Western Wood Pewee 1 Bonny 5/10 JR								3		(1				1			4	
Wood Pewee, Sp.							3											
Olive-sided Flycatcher 2 Waterton 5/2 MOS						1	1 Mt. Evans State Wildlife Area 5/26 JR											
Horned Lark	30		30		4		272	224	4	6	18	8		11	2		21	200
Violet-green Swallow			4	8			244					4	65					

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HABITAT	PLN			FOOT				MTNS	PLN		PLN			PLN	PLN		PLN	PLN
SPECIES																		
Tree Swallow						1	124			1			150	1			6	
Bank Swallow						7	106			2				3				
Rough-winged Swallow					2	69	187			3			8	4				
Barn Swallow	4		5	1	1	22	267	1	6	35	53	15	704	9	2	2	9	50
Cliff Swallow		1				75	875			120		17	346	300	1	30		10
Gray Jay								1										
Blue Jay						16	41						1	11				
Steller's Jay		3			5			10				2	1					
Scrub Jay		11	2	2		2	1											
Black-billed Magpie		14	2	4	4	13	241	5	10		4	11	51	7	7	14	16	2
Common Raven		3				2	39	4				5						
White-necked Raven						2	3											
Raven, Sp.						5												
Common Crow			1		3	4	53	5				4	1	2				
Pinon Jay				1		1	7											
Clark's Nutcracker							8		2 S. Fork Rio Grande R. 5/19 JeR									
Black-capped Chickadee		5	3	3	1		48		1			1	10	5		4	3	
Mountain Chickadee					4		65	3				1						
Plain Titmouse						3	3		3 Canon City 5/19 JR									
Common Bushtit							3		1 Canon City 5/19 JR									
White-breasted Nuthatch							27											
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1		1	4				1	1SE Denver 5/21 RA					
Pygmy Nuthatch							37		9 Roosevelt National Forest 5/24-26 DH									
Brown Creeper	1 Barr 5/5 MOS																	
Dipper	2 Poudre Canyon 5/4PR					1	4	S. Fork Rio Grande R. 5/19 JeR				1						
House Wren			3	7	1		11	187		3	4		3		9	2	2	8
Bewick's Wren							19	8										
Long-billed Marsh Wren	1 MHDC 5/5 JR									1	1	CCRA 5/27 RA						
Canon Wren			1		1		11					1	4					
Rock Wren	1 Barr 5/4 MOS					1	11	2 Ft. Collins 5/12 PE				1						
Mockingbird						185	174			20				2				
Catbird	1 Waterton 5/11 JR						3	1 Bonny 5/12 RS						6				
Brown Thrasher	3 Eads 5/4 JR					16	48							12				
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 Baca County 5/3 JR					1												
Sage Thrasher							2					1						
Robin		17	5	12	16	1	267	3	4	15		9	76	17	4	40	4	
Hermit Thrush	1 Barr 5/4 MOS			1			3		1		1	SE Denver 5/31 RA						
Swainson's Thrush	6 Barr 5/4 MOS					16	33		6				1	8			4	
Veery							3							1				
Western Bluebird							4		2			1	1 Douglas County 5/24 JR					
Mountain Bluebird							136					4				2		
Townsend's Solitaire							10			3 Roosevelt National Park 5/24-26 DH								
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1 SE Denver 5/4 RA					1	3	3 Boulder 5/4 SL				1	1 Canon City 5/19 JR					
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1	4										
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1	3	22	1			1					1	
Water Pipit	1 MHDC 5/5 JR						69	106		2	5	S. Fork Rio Grande R. 5/19 JeR						
Cedar Waxwing						2	18	Rocky Rord 5/18 JR				1	Waterton 5/25 DS					
Loggerhead Shrike				2			21	37		1	4			1				2
Starling		15	5				17	805	4	x			366366	7	12	35	14	100
Bell's Vireo	2 Bonny 5/12 RS						4							2				
Solitary Vireo							6	(1 Douglas Co. 5/24 JR							1			
Red-eyed Vireo	(1 Boulder 5/16,22 SL 2 Waterton 5/22 MOS 3 Waterton 5/24 JR																1	
Warbling Vireo							17	4 Bonny 5/19 JR (1 Wheatridge 5/25-28 JPR									1	
Black and white Warbler						(2		1 Boulder 5/6,18 SL									1	
Prothonotary Warbler	1 Waterton 5/4 DT						1	1 Bonny 5/12 RS										
Golden-winged Warbler							1		1 Evergreen 5/27 DS									
Tennessee Warbler	1 Wheatridge 5/3 PE					1	1	2	1 Bonny 5/10 JR 1 Boulder 5/18 SL							1		
Orange-crowned Warbler		4	1				2	1										
Virginia's Warbler		3		2			37					3				2		
Yellow Warbler			1			35	102	1	1	1		8	61	18	1	1	3	
Black-throated Blue Warbler								(1 Boulder 5/18 SL										
Myrtle Warbler		5	3	1	9	3	26											
Audubon's Warbler		3	12	9	13	40	92										1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler							14											
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1 SE Denver 5/8 RA											5						
Blackburnian Warbler	1 Boulder 5/8 SL													1				
Yellow-throated Warbler	1 Waterton 5/1 JR,HK)																	
Chesnut-sided Warbler	(1 Boulder 5/18,21 SL					4	3	1 Pawnee National Grassland 5/19										
	1 Pueblo 5/19 JR 1 Barr 5/21 MOS 1 Evergreen 5/24 DS																	
Bay-breasted Warbler	(1 Pawnee National Grassland, 5/19, 1 Boulder 5/22 SL 1 Boulder 5/19 AM																	
Blackpoll Warbler	1 Lakewood 5/9 JC 1 Pueblo 5/19 JR 1 Boulder 5/22 SL 1 SE Denver 5/31 RA																	
Ovenbird						1	(1											
Northern Waterthrush	1 Bonny 5/10 JR						7	1 Waterton 5/11 JR1						1				

SPRING COUNT, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1974. 10 COUNTS REPORTED (220 SPECIES)

Baca County: Cimmaron River, roads to Cottonwood Canyon. Urling Cannon, Paul Julian, Hugh Kingery, David McCargo, Doug Stotz. (84 Species)

Barr Lake, Arsenal, Mile High Duck Club Lakes(1½ hours) Robert Andrews, Lori Chappell, Barbara Korpi, Sue Merrick, Lois Webster, Compiler. Andy Wilbur. (104 Species)

Bonny Reservoir, Republican River. (Clear, cool to warm, 40-70°. Mostly calm. 14 hours) Roberta Ausfahl, Steve Larson, Karl Stecher, Jr., Robert Spencer. (102 Species)

Boulder.(Windy) Russell Austin, Arthur Besemer, Ruth Besemer, Bruce Bosley, Kelly Burke, Bill Burt, Jeff Carter, Pilk Carter, Betsy Chronic, Jack Collom, Harry Collom, Cathy Cowles, Paula Crockett, Narca De Woskin, Alice Doyle, Gene Elliott, Robbie Elliott, Vera Evanson, Margaret Gallup, Libby Goodwin, Jeanne Hemphill, Louise Herring, Compiler, Ethel Leighton, Hope Leighton, Eleanor MacDonald, Arch McCallum, Dan and Kathy McCamman, Eva McGregor, Elizabeth Mekkelsen, Karen Nickey, Peggy Oakes, Helen and Steve Pattee, Nancy Peck, Libbie Peterson, Jeff Sherman, Victor Smith, Helen Stiles, Berene Sullivan, H. Travis, Ellen Valentine, Tom Van Zandt, Art Wainwright, Susan Ward, Dick Weppner.(138 Species)

Lower Bear Creek to Morrison, along foothills to Willow Springs and Lakes of area. (Clear, slight breeze, 40-80°. Windy late afternoon. 11 hours) Merle Barbour, Edna Blackhurst, Phyllis Caswell, Cecile Cook, Sadie Morrison, Compiler., Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler. (50 Species)

Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir. (Clear, very windy after 11:00 A.M., 7 hours) John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Dick and Mary Fischer. (56 Species)

Park County. (Very windy. Extremely dry. Lakes ice free. 10 hours) Bob and Nancy Gustafson, Edna Ormsbee. (77 Species)

Plum Creek and Platte River, Chatfield Dam south to Titan Road. Ray Olson. (43 Species)

Pueblo: Westmoor, Lake DeWeese, Canon City, Brush Hollow Reservoir, Florence. (Clear, calm. 50-90s, 13 hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Dave Griffiths, Ivan Stonick. (103 Species)

Rocky Mountain National Park. Charles Carter, Ruth Deffenbaugh, John Douglass, Marian Patterson, Ruth Reeser, Warner Reeser, Compiler. Other contributors: Kent Dannen, Bob Haines. Ramona Harris, Mrs, Richard Krogh, Mr.and Mrs. Darwin Staley. (74 Species)

SPRING COUNT AREA / SPECIES	BACA	BARR	BONN	BOUL	LBC	MWS	MSJR	PARK	PLC	REEB	RMNP
Horned Grebe		1									
Eared Grebe		2		5				52			1
Western Grebe		35	3	63				1			3
Pied-billed Grebe			1	8	1			3			
White Pelican							25				
Double-crested Cormorant		60									
Great Blue Heron	1	75	3	17			1	2	3		
Green Heron			1	1							
Cattle Egret		1									
Snowy Egret		2		1							
Black-crowned Night Heron		7		7			1		1		
American Bittern			2	4							
White-faced Ibis				2				15			4
Canada Goose		6	4	499	16		2	2	2	2	40
Mallard		80	20	76	15		3	95	4	2	
Gadwall		160	11	31	5			56		4	
Pintail		150		5				39			
Green-winged Teal		30	2	4				17		6	9
Blue-winged Teal	3	65	12	29	2			2	2		3
Cinnamon Teal		17	4	27				5		2	
American Widgeon	3	12		2				2		1	
Shoveler		120	24	8				15		4	
Redhead			16	17	2			4		4	
Ring -necked Duck		10						12			
Greater Scaup								9			
Lesser Scaup		14	1	1	1			21			
Bufflehead								13		2	
Ruddy Duck		30		2				8		4	
Common Merganser								5			
Turkey Vulture	2		2	10						5	1
Mississippi Kite	6										
Goshawk											2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1			1				+
Cooper's Hawk	1			2							2
Red-tailed Hawk	2	2		7			1	3	1	1	6
Swainson's Hawk	4	6	6				4	2		1	
Ferruginous Hawk	1						1				
Golden Eagle	1			3						2	1
Marsh Hawk	1	3	2	1				1			
Prairie Falcon										1	
Peregrine Falcon								1			

MAY	1	4	4	5	5	10-12	11	12	12	12	13	17-19	18	18	19	25	26	27
AREA	MPT	DCW	GSW	RRM	EBS	BACA	SC	GUAN	BAR	PUE	MPT	SWC	CGR	BON	CCR	NWG	BAR	PNG
HABITAT	PLN			FOOT				MTNS	PLN		PLN			PLN	PLN		PLN	PLN
SPECIES																		
MacGillivray Warbler						5	3							1				
Yellowthroat	1 MHDC 5/5 JR					7	109		2			1	13	69	4	2	4	
Yellow-breasted Chat							4							2				
Hooded Warbler									1 Lake Henry 5/27 JR *									
Wilson's Warbler	1 SE Denver 5/8 RA						9	1 RedRocks 5/11 JR					1					
American Redstart	1 SE Denver 5/8 RA					2	4	1 Waterton 5/11 JR					1	2				
House Sparrow		5				95	276	4	20	80			255	35	1	50	12	5
Western Meadowlark	30	15	20	5	3	192	460	6	x		4	6	146	42	14	40	14	200
Yellow-headed Blackbird	37				4	312	201		x	10	45	1	255	7		1	29	
Red-winged Blackbird	10	4	16		6	100	1845	3	x	40	11	41	565	315	29	20	42	11
Orchard Oriole	6 Bonny 5/9 JR					36	45							44				
Northern Oriole																		2
Baltimore Oriole	2 Bonny 5/10 JR						8							7				
Bullock's Oriole						198	(210		2	5		4	1	39	3	11	10	
Brewer's Blackbird			229	3		4	420	5	3		4	39	15		3	40		
Common Grackle	25	7	10		10	14	405		20	50		24	325	45	20	25	8	5
Brown-headed Cowbird		10		15		43	242			8		7	27	21	1	1	3	
Western Tanager		1					20					2		1		1		5
Summer Tanager						1 near Lamar 5/4 JC												
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		(1 SE Denver 5/4 RA6					5											
Black-headed Grosbeak	2 Bonny 5/9 JR						60	1 Waterton 5/19 HK				1	1	1				
Blue Grosbeak						15	11	1 LaJunta 5/18 JR				1		6				
Indigo Bunting	1 Bonny 5/10 JR					2	(1 Boulder 5/16,18,21 SL							1				
Lazuli Bunting		2		5		4	19					1			1	1		
Painted Bunting						1												
Evening Grosbeak	24-9 Littleton All month JT						216			3		7	11					
Cassin's Finch					10		35	2 5 Wheatridge 5/14 PE										
House Finch		3	10	1		2	217			20	1		8			18		
Pine Grosbeak							1											
Brown-capped Rosy Finch							4											
Pine Siskin		3	4	30	9	42	693	12		10		193	3	1		40		
American Goldfinch						2	23						12	23			4	
Lesser Goldfinch							1			1								
Red Crossbill			2 Evergreen 2/25, 1 Waterton 5/25 DS															
Green-tailed Towhee	1 Barr 5/4 MOS						47	1 RMNP 5/12 JPR				3	1	Wheatridge 5/19 JPR				
Rufous-sided Towhee		17	4	13		6	71						3			1		
Brown Towhee						19	1			1								
Lakk Bunting						1521	467		6	30	1		1	9	3	8	8	200
Savannah Sparrow	1 MHDC 5/4 MOS					1	22		1				2					
Grasshopper Sparrow	16 Baca County 5/4 JR					18	17	2 Bonny 5/10 JR						8				
Vesper Sparrow			15	2		13	49			3			3		1			
Lark Sparrow						361	378			15	1		8	22				
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	11 Cottonwood Canyon 5/3 JR																	
Cassin's Sparrow						45	11							7				1
Dark-eyed Junco							13											
Slate-colored Junco									1) NEW LATE RECORD									
Oregon Junco	1 Poudre Canyon 5/4 PR																	
Gray-headed Junco		3			3		107	4	1)									
Tree Sparrow	3 Poudre Canyon 5/4 PR																	
Chipping Sparrow				28		202	490	8	8	20		12		4				
Clay-colored Sparrow				1		54	140			1			3	28				
Brewer's Sparrow		1	1			1	35			2								
Field Sparrow						2	2		1 Boulder 5/21 SL									
Harris' Sparrow	1 SE Denver 5/4 RA)						1	1 Ft. Collins 5/12 PE										
White-crowned Sparrow		21	2	2		13	129					1	2			3		
White-throated Sparrow							1											
Lincoln's Sparrow						10	15		1					3		1		
Song Sparrow			2	3	2	1	30					1	7	1	2	2		
McCown's Longspur																	11	
Chesnut-collared Longspur																	1	
TOTAL SPECIES 269		32	39	40	34	36	138	220	31	83	69	37	66	76	94	36	40	72	35

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(- First arrival on Denver area plains
) - Last departure from Denver area plains
x - Denotes species observed but not counted
* - Pending acceptance of the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Official Records Committee

CORRECTION - John Cooper inadvertently reported Cassin's Sparrows and your Editor inadvertently printed it in the May issue. It should have read Cassin's Finch 1 Lakewood 4/5, 5 Louviers 4/16, 4 Wheatridge 4/29.

SPRING COUNT

AREA / SPECIES	BACA	BARR	BONN	BOUL	LBC	MWS	MSJR	PARK	PLC	PUEB	RMNP
Pigeon Hawk		1									
Sparrow Hawk	1	3		21	2		6	2	1	6	
Bobwhite	4		4								
Scaled Quail			2							2	
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	4	10	1	2		1	2	1	1	
Turkey	3										
Virginia Rail				3							
Sora		3		2							
American Coot		150	5	5	30			31			
Semipalmated Plover				5							
Killdeer	8	12	12	31	4		3	2	7	6	
Black-bellied Plover		3									
Common Snipe		3	1	6				2	2		
Long-billed Curlew	1										
Whimbrel		3									
Spotted Sandpiper		4	4	18	1			5		5	12
Solitary Sandpiper				1							
Willet		2						7			
Greater Yellowlegs				4							
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	2		1	2			2			
Pectoral Sandpiper		2									
Bairds Sandpiper				2						1	
Longbilled Dowitcher		25						5		5	
Stilt Sandpiper		2								1	
Semipalmated Sandpiper		3								15	
Western Sandpiper		4								15	
Marbled Godwit			3								
Sanderling				5							
American Avocet		10		7				2			
Wilson's Phalarope			98	38	4			197		40	
Northern Phalarope		3									
Herring Gull				1							
California Gull		8						70		15	
Ring-billed Gull		8	25	4	6			5		3	
Franklin's Gull		253	12								
Bonaparte's Gull				1							
Forster's Tern		5	12	5				9		1	
Black Tern		2	32								
Band-tailed Pigeon										1	1
Rock Dove			2	112	10			55		5	55
Mourning Dove	463	44	62	108	11		32	2	140	36	19
Barn Owl	1		1								
Screech Owl	1										
Great Horned Owl	5	4	2	5							2
Burrowing Owl		22									
Long-eared Owl			5	5							
Short-eared Owl		2									
Poorwill			2								
Common Nighthawk	4										
Chimney Swift				6						2	
White-throated Swift				21		4				1	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				34		1		5		4	12
Belted Kingfisher		1	5	4		3				2	
Yellow-shafted Flicker	2		3								
Red-shafted Flicker	2	4	2	53	4		4	1	2	2	6
Red-headed Woodpecker	10	3	10								
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								2			6
Williamson's Sapsucker				1							
Hairy Woodpecker		1	1	14							7
Downy Woodpecker			6	7			1		2	3	3
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1									1	
Eastern Kingbird	28	2	18	3						2	2
Western Kingbird	165	7	42	1			7			19	
Cassin's Kingbird			1							1	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	10										
Ash-throated Flycatcher										1	
Say's Phoebe				2		2	1	2	1	2	1
Empidonax, Sp.	2	1	6	9			1				1
Least Flycatcher	1										
Gray Flycatcher										1	
Western Flycatcher				1							
Western Wood Pewee	1			1					1		
Wood Pewee, Sp.	3										
Horned Lark	144	7	12	1			1	58			12
Violet-green Swallow		1		236		5				1	1
Tree Swallow		8	3	18				70		1	24

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SPRING COUNT

AREA / SPECIES	BACA	BARR	BONN	BOUL	LBC	MWS	MSJR	PARK	PLC	PUEB	RMNP
Bank Swallow	6		75	18					4	2	1
Rough-winged Swallow	7		75	82	3			16		4	
Barn Swallow	8	45	12	100	4		9	3	10	70	4
Cliff Swallow	11		500	264			16	29		55	
Blue Jay	13	1	20	2			5				
Steller's Jay				104		1		5		3	37
Scrub Jay										1	
Black-billed Magpie	4	32	6	103	20		12	19	8	4	33
Common Raven				16				2		2	19
White-necked Raven	3										
Common Crow	3	1	8	13			1	12		12	3
Pinon Jay				4						3	
Clark's Nutcracker								2		1	5
Black-capped Chickadee		9	6	17	2	1	11		2		
Mountain Chickadee				23				6		1	35
Plain Titmouse										1	
Common Bushtit										3	
White-breasted Nuthatch				19							8
Red-breasted Nuthatch										1	
Pygmy Nuthatch				27							10
Dipper						2					1
House Wren	8	12	28	47	6		47	4	13	8	13
Bewick's Wren	7									1	
Rock Wren				2							
Mockingbird	162		8							4	
Catbird				2	1						
Brown Thrasher	9	2	22				13				2
Curve-billed Thrasher										2	
Sage Thrasher										2	
Robin	1	11	18	176	16	2	2	35	6	55	57
Hermit Thrush		3									
Swainson's Thrush	15	5	4	9							
Veery			1	2							
Western Bluebird										2	2
Mountain Bluebird				32				43		20	41
Townsend's Solitaire		1		1						3	5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				2				1			
Golden-crowned Kinglet											1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2			7				5			9
Water Pipit		7		1				2			59
Loggerhead Shrike	20	1						6		9	1
Starling	2	27	8	595	12		30	9	14	85	23
Solitary Vireo		1		4						1	
Red-eyed Vireo				2							
Warbling Vireo			8	9							
Prothonotary Warbler			1								
Tennessee Warbler		1		1							
Orange-crowned Warbler	2			2							
Virginia's Warbler				32						5	
Yellow Warbler	28	10	17	32	4		1		4	6	
Myrtle Warbler	1		6	15			4				
Audubon's Warbler	7	12	13	40	4	1	8	6	1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler											14
Chestnut-sided Warbler			1	2							
Blackpoll Warbler			1				1				
Ovenbird	1										
Northern Waterthrush	1		3	2			1				
MacGillivray's Warbler				2						1	
Yellowthroat	5	5	36	39	2		12		7	2	1
Yellow-breasted Chat			2						2		
Wilson's Warbler	2		1	6							
American Redstart			4								
House Sparrow	16	37	12	67	6	4	28	4	5	85	12
Western Meadowlark	70	40	30	203	8		15	5	5	86	2
Yellow-headed Blackbird		59	15	34	17		2	64	10		
Red-winged Blackbird	27	200	700	303	22		450	42	20	50	
Orchard Oriole	33		12								
Baltimore Oriole			8								
Bullock's Oriole	175	3	8	3			2		2	17	
Brewer'w Blackbird		7	176	175	5			65	6	60	100
Common Grackle	10	11	18	110			173		4	36	41
Brown-headed Cowbird	10	11	24	38	4		27	44	3	45	34
Western Tanager		1	11	6			1				1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4		1								
Black-headed Grosbeak		1		12						3	

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SPRING COUNT AREA / SPECIES	BACA	BARR	BONN	BOUL	LBC	MWS	MSJR	PARK	PLC	PUEB	RMNP
Blue Grosbeak	11										
Indigo Bunting										1	
Lazuli Bunting			1	4			1		4	9	
Evening Grosbeak				100						36	80
Cassin's Finch				19							16
House Finch				105	12					43	105
Pine Grosbeak								1			
Brown-capped Rosy Finch											4
Pine Siskin	7	1	2	588		6	5		5	57	22
American Goldfinch	1		2	2		6	2		10		
Lesser Goldfinch										1	
Green-tailed Towhee		4	1	25				7		4	6
Rufous-sided Towhee	6		1	33		2	1		15	12	1
Brown Towhee										1	
Lark Bunting	385	60					8			45	
Savannah Sparrow	1	2	1	1				13			4
Grasshopper Sparrow	13		4								
Vesper Sparrow	4	3	21	2				14			
Lark Sparrow	328	1	30	5			6		6		2
Cassin's Sparrow	11										
Slate-colored Junco				1							
Dark-eyed Junco											3
Gray-headed Junco				56				3		1	47
Chipping Sparrow	113	10	50	175	1		22	5		22	92
Clay-colored Sparrow	42		80	2			11		4		1
Brewer's Sparrow			15	15			2			2	1
Field Sparrow	2										
Harris' Sparrow					1						
White-crowned Sparrow	4	10	27	22	12		2	5	12	8	5
White-throated Sparrow			1								
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	1	2	9					1		1
Song Sparrow		1	2	13	1	1	2		10	2	5
TOTAL SPECIES 220	83	104	102	138	42(50)	13	56	77	43	103	74

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BREEDING SEASON: JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 1, AMERICAN BIRDS

Contributions should be sent to Lyn Wilcockson, 2698 S. Niagara, Denver, Colorado 80222. For the nesting season, your reports will be most helpful if they include: a. records of unusual breeders and their success-any increase or decreas noted, and reasons if you have evidence for the same, b. Reports of unusual breeders and their success. Dont report a species unless you actually see the nest or fledglings. c. Unusual summer visitors-here record those species present, but which nesting is not proven. d. Numbers of birds or nests, if pertinent-eitherdefinite of birds seen or nests found or subjective estimates. e. Specific dates: date arrived, date eggs laid, date young hatched or fledged, date departed. Also location if not the usual one. f. Weather data. List in AOU checklist order and lump all categories together: nesting birds, summer visitants, etc. Be sure and use the names according to the AOU Checklist Revision.

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CORNELL NESTINGRECORDS: Please continue to make observations of nesting birds. Make records of your observations. Nesting cards are available from Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams St., Denver, Colorado80210. Phone 757-0837. Remember, use pencils on the cards. Lots of luck.

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FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY BALD EAGLE PROGRAM: Let's continue to support this program. Save undamaged, unsoaked comemorative stamps. Cut them from the envelope leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch margin. Mail them to Patty Echelmeyer, 2695 Newland St., Denver,Colorado 80214.

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CLUB TELESCOPE: It is suggested that all field trip leaders attempt to make use of the club telescope on field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15 x - 60 x by 60 mm. Call Don Thatcher 455-7479 for help in locating the scope. Please keep Don Thatcher informed of the location of the telescope at all times.

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CHATFIELD HERONRY BREEDING BIRD CENSUS: Every Wednesday night continuing from July 3 the census will be held. Meet at 5:15 PM at the Army Corps of Engineers office at Wadsworth Blvd.(Colorado 121 and Colorado 75. Check beforehand with Nancy Hurley, 757-0837; Jo Trainor, 794-5489 or Hugh Kingery, 733-0351. This will mark the fourth year of this census, which has found very high breeding densities in this cottonwood grove. Within 2 years, water will start to flood the grove, and the continuing census will chart the changes which occur as the grove floods.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Dr. and Mrs Henry W. Toll, Jr., 750 Vine St., Denver, Colorado 80206 333-1655

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

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HOODED WARBLER: One female in adult breeding plumage was observed by Jack Reddall and David Griffiths on May 27, 1974 at Lake Henry,near Ordway, Crowley County, Colorado between 1;30 and 1:35 P.M. M.D.T. It was observed through 10x50 Bushnell Binoculars. The light conditions were bright and clear with no wind. The bird was seen at distances of 15-100 feet, estimated. The bird was of typical warbler shape; very pronounced olive green on back and tail with conspicous white areas in tail which were easily observed when it flew. The bill was small, thin, dark. The crown was olive-green, forehead yellow. The eye was dark. The nape was olive green. The face, throat, breast and sides, belly and flanks undertail coverts were yellow. The back, wings, rump were bright olive-green. The uppertail coverts and upperside of the tail were olive green. The upper side of the tail showed prominent white areas. No wingbars were noted. The bird was silent. It was observed flying from bush to bush(actually from small willows to other small willows in association with tamarack) occasionally pausing to feed. The habitat was Willow/Tamarack association along a fresh water canal on the high plains of south-eastern Colorado. Similarly appearing species were eliminated by: Wilson's Warbler female is similar but lacks white areas in tail. Yellow Warbler is also similar but yellowish areas in the tail. Yellowthroat female is much smaller with a stubbier tail which also lacks white areas. Kentucky Warbler female shows a trace of black side-burns and lacks white tail spots. Report submitted by Jack Reddall.

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YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER: One in breeding plumage was observed by John Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, and Jack Reddall May 1, 1974 at 6:15 - 6:30 A.M. MDT along the South Platte River at the Waterton Bridge near Littleton, Jefferson County, Colorado. It appeared typical warbler in shape and size. Yellow throat very obvious as well as black "side-burns and white ear spot. Bill, small and thin and pointed, un Vireo like. White eye line. Unmarked gray back. Striped sides(flanks). The bird was observed with 10-50 binoculars The light conditions were about 20 minutes after dawn; no direct sunlight; however, light was adequate. The bird was observed diredtly overhead from an estimated 15 to 30 feet. The bill was small, thin and pointed; appeared dark in color. The crown and forehead were dark gray to black. The eye was dark. The nape was dark grayish. The face had side-burns, white ear patch. The throat was bright yellow. The breast and sides were white, sides heavily marked with black streaking. The belly and flanks were white with black streaking continuing well into flank area. The undertail coverts were white. The back was fairly dark gray; unmarked with black streaking. The wings wereblackish with two prominent wing bars. The rump and upper side of the tail were dark grayish. The tail was slightly notched. It was very warbler-like in movements, feeding out and along the branches in somewhat of a creeping motion, occasionally flitting to a higher or lower branch. The habitat was a river bottom edged with deciduaous trees near foothills. The only closely appearingspecies to be eliminated would be the Grace's Warbler which has a yellowish eye lineand yellow throat, but lacks prominent side-burns and white ear patch. Also, Grace's Warbler has thinly striped back. Overalll coloration not as pronounced as the Yellow-threated Warbler. Report submitted by Jack Reddall

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LAUGHING GULL: Two breeding adult Laughing Gulls were observed by Jack Reddall and David Griffiths on May 27, 1974 between 1:00 and 1;10 P.M. MDT at Lake Henry near Ordway, Crowley County, Colorado. They were observed with Bausch and Lomb 15x-60x telescope and 10x50 binoculars. The light condition was bright and clear, no wind with the light from behind the observers. They were observed at an estimated distance of 100 to 300 yards. They appeared to be small gulls, long winged with square tails, Dark headed with comparatively darker mantle than that of nearby Franklin's Gulls. Primaries were black without any discernible white areas. White trailing edge to wings. The bill was small typical gull shaped, appeared dark in color. Legs were dark. The crown and forehead, throat, nape were black, The face was black with white eye marks. The breast and sides, belly and flanks, under tail coverts, uppertail coverts, rump and upper side of the tail were white. The underside of the tail was whitish. The back had a dark gray mantle the wings had dark gray coverts and secondaries diffusing into blackish primaries, no white band.areas as in Franklin's. White trailing edge The underwings were whitish blending to gray. The tail was square not forked. They were observed briefly sitting on mud flats with Franklin's Gul; soon took off and began flying in circles gradually gaining considerable altitude, alternately flying and gliding. The habitat was a fresh water lake on the high plains of southeastern Colorado and mud flats. Similarly appearing species were eliminated by Bonaparte's Gull is much smaller with much lighter mantle and silver primaries; same for the slightly larger Black-headed Gull; Sabine's Gull has forked tail and striking patterns of black, white, gray triangles in wings. Little Gull extremely small with much lighter mantle. Franklin's Gull has lighter mantle and a broad band of white separating the black wihg tips from the rest of the wing. Jack reports that he has been dubious of Laughing Gull reports from inland states as this species to his experience seldom strays far from the sea coast. However, there was no mistaking the dark wing coloration which was completely lacking in any white areas save the conspicuous white trailing edge. The fact that both birds flew almost directly overhead gave the observers a good opportunity to closely examine the wing patterns. The odds of two possibly aberrant Franklin's Gulls finding the same reservoir on the same day seem astronomical. However, due to his previous experience he was 99% certain they were Laughing Gulls.

CASPIAN TERN, A NEW STATE RECORD REPORTED. The following is a summary of a report submitted to the Colorado Field Ornithologists-Official Records Committee: Jack Reddall and David Griffiths observed a Caspian Tern, Hydroprogne caspiason May 27, 1974 between 12;45 and 1;15 P.M. M.D.T. at Lake Henry, near Ordway, Crowley County. They used 15x-60x Baush and Lomb telescope and 10x 50 Bushnell binoculars with light conditions clear, bright; no wind, sunlight directly behind the observers.at an estimated distance of 150 to 250 yards. They observed one adult in breeding plumage It appeared to be of the approximate size of nearby California Gulls with a black cap, heavy, large red bill; white underparts; light gray back and wings. The bill was very large, gull-like, crimson red in color. The legs were black(dark) in color. A black cap; slight crest, forehead black, the eye was dark was observed. The face was white below with a black cap. The nape, throat, breast and sides, belly and flanks,undertail coverts, rump, uppertail coverts,upper side of the tail, under side of the tail were white. Theback was slaty, light gray. The wings were light gray with whitish primaries above. The underwings were whitish with noticeable blackish primaries. The tail was square, very slightly forked. No voice was heard. The Tern sat on a mud flat in company with a California Gull; eventually flew off and joined two Forster's Tern, one Ring-billed Gull and two Franklin's Gull. The habitat was a fresh water reservoir, exposed mud flats on the high plains of south-eastern Colorado. Similar appearing species were aliminated by large size eliminates all other Terns except Royal and Sandwich Tern. Royal Tern has orange bill, marked forked tail, longer crest and does not show prominently dark underwing primaries. Sandwich Tern smaller and has black bill with yellow tip, more slender, pointed. Elegant Tern has extremely long orange-yellow bill and very long crest.

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS, USING THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS AREA CHECKLIST OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHECKLIST, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER EACH TRIP TO DAVID HUTCHINSON, 9141 STUART ST., WESTMINSTER, COLORADO 80030. PHONE: 428-3922. PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR IF A FIELD TRIP IS CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON. DEADLINE IS THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH. REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.

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INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual contributions should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you and a friend(s) go on a field trip, send in the results and I'll use as many of them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as often some rather common birds are not observed on the regularly scheduled field trips. We would like to have our report of observations to be as complete as possible.

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS, PLEASE NOTE: On club sponsored field trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 6¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver. This is a change due to DFO board action.

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LIFERS WANTED LIST FOR COLORADO: Do you have a "Lifers Wanted List for Colorado?" If so, send a copy to Mildred Snyder, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011 or Patty Echelmeyer, 2695 Newland St., Denver, Colorado 80214, And we'll try to contact you if your birds are around. Please keep us up to date on latest revisions, too.

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RARE BIRD ALERT: ATTENTION! Want to be on or off our Rare Bird Alert List? Call Mildred Snyder, 366-7610 or Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4847. Don't forget to notify your rare bird caller if you are going to be out of town.

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REPORTING OF VERY RARE, CASUAL, ACCIDENTAL AND SEASONALLY UNUSUAL BIRDS: When reporting any of these birds, please give as many details as possible. List field marks, behavior, habitat, observers, conditions of observation. It is necessary to have these types of observations documented so that accurate reporting of species results. Often observations are used by researchers and the better the documentation the more reliable the records.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND UNDELIVERED BULLETINS: Please notify your editor of any change of address or any issues of The Lark Bunting which are not received.

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JULY 6-7 Saturday and Sunday. Rock Creek nesting area. Harold Holt, Leader. Overnight trip. Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the bridge over Clear Creek and U. S. 6 in Golden

13, Saturday. Mt. Evans. Lynn Wilcockson, Leader. Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. *

14, Sunday. Red Rocks. ½ day Trip. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at 25th and Sheridan.

20, Middle Boulder Creek to Eldora. Sadie Morrison and Gail Schickley, Leaders. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at 25th and Sheridan. *

21, Sunday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. Kathryn Whipple, Leader. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History. *

27, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Robert Spencer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. *

28, Sunday. Sedalia and Jackson Creek. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. *

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CFO TRIP TO PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND.

On Saturday, July 27, 1974, the Colorado Field Ornithologists will sponsor a field trip to the Pawnee National Grassland (entering from Nunn, Colorado) proceeding eastward to Grover near Pawnee Buttes and returning to Denver by way of Muir Springs Park at Fort Morgan. This will be an all day trip leaving the Voyageur Inn Motel parking lot promptly at 6:00 AM . The Voyageur Inn Motel is located in Northeast Denver at the intersection ofInterstate 70 and Chambers Road. Bring Lunch and Water. The leader will be Jack Reddmann of the Denver Field Ornithologists Depending upon the weather, there is a possibility of seeing between 80 and 100 species with such specialties as Chestnut-collared Longspur, McCown's Longspur, Mountain Plover, Orchard Oriole, Yellow-billed Cuckoo and the first returning shore birds from their northern nesting territories.

* Bring Lunch.

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NO MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

JUNE 1974 FIELD TRIPS

June 1, Saturday. Boulder: Baseline Lake, Sawhill, Boulder Creek. Lesley Julian, Leader. (Overcast, cool, occasional sun. 4½ hours) Helen Bonnema, Vi Bossman, Vi Hubka, Hazel Hazel Kellogg, Brian Lewis, Anne Schwartz. (43 Species)

2, Sunday. Prospect Reservoir, Muir Springs, Goodrich, Mile High Duck Club, Arsenal. Jack Reddall, Leader. (Clear becoming partly cloudy, 50-83°. 11 hours) Ward Chadwick, Lori Chappell, Margaret Denney. (83 Species)

8, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Extreme rain and wind, 5 hours) Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, Robert and Yvonne Gibbons. (15 Species)

9, Sunday. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Fair, cool, windy. 4-3/4 hours) Frances Campbell, Barbara Goss, Joan and Judy Tannehill, Edith Trimmer. (34 Species)

12, Wednesday. Plains East and West of Parker. (Sunny, 60s, 3½ hours) Roberta Ausfahl and Merle Barbour. (28 Species)

15, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes, Turkey Creek. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. (Fair to partly cloudy, 65-75°, 6 hours) Lori Chappell, Cecily Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Lulita Pritchett,

16, Sunday. Johnson's Park. Red Rocks. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. (Clear, hot. 6 hours) Dorothy Bailey, Christine Bonney, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Harriet and Marvin Clumpus, Marian David, Maggie Denney, Sadie Morrison, Thompson Marsh. (35 Species)

22, Saturday. Ken-Caryl Ranch. Margo and Ward Chadwick, Leaders. (Clear, 75-85°. 6 hours) Merle Barbour, Henry Bossman, Harry Clarke(Grand Rapids,Michigan), Harriet and Marvin Clumpus, Marilyn Crane (Houston, Texas), Mary Holleman(Houston, Texas) Sadie Morrison, Noeline Myers, Ruth Wheeler. (41 Species)

22, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. (Partly cloudy, calm, cool) Nancy Hurley and David McCargo. (35 Species)

23, Sunday. Barr-Mile High Lakes. Harold and Vona Holt, Leaders. (Fair, warm, 9 hours) Merle Barbour, Lorrene Berger, Mary Cornelius, Harry Clarke, Marilyn Crane, Becky and Garland Truitt. (56 Species)

29, Saturday. Castlewood Dam. Elizabeth Area. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. (Sunny, 75-85°, 8 hours) Margo and Ward Chadwick, Marilyn Crane, James Lane, Cicely Mellor, Lulita Pritchett, Ralph Sargent, Larry Smith, Robert Spencer, Douglas Stotz, Becky and Garland Truitt, Ruth Wheeler. (56 Species)

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE PEWEES GONE?

Western Wood Pewees, usually abundant in the Chatfield Heronry Grove are absent or almost entirely absent this year.Nancy Hurley reports their scarcity at Bailey, Colorado. In the places you have visited this summer, do you find them scarce, in usual numbers, or possibly more common than usual? Please notify Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000, or Hugh Kingery, 333-0161.

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BREEDING SEASON: JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 1, AMERICAN BIRDS.

Contributions for the Denver area should be sent to Lynn Willcockson, 2698 S. Niagara, Denver, Colorado 80222. For other parts of Colorado, send your reports to Hugh Kingery, 869 Milwaukee, Denver, Colorado 80206. For the nesting season, your reports will be most helpful if they include a. records of usual breeders and their success-any increase or decrease noted, and reasons if you have evidence; b. reports of unusual breeders and their success. Don't report a species unless you actually see the nest or fledglings; c. unusual summer visitors-here record those species present but which nesting is not proven; d. numbers of birds or nests, if pertinent- either definite of birds seen or nests found or subjective estimates; e. Specific dates; date arrived, date eggs laid, date young hatched or fledged, date departed. Also location if not the usual one; f. weather data. List in AOU checklist order and lump all categories together; nesting birds, summer visitants, etc. Be sure and use the names according to the AOU Checklist Revision.

JUNE	1	2	8	9	12	15	16	16	22	22	23	29
AREA	BOUL	PRMS	PNG	RRP	PARK	BRTC	JP	RR	KCR	PNG	BARR	CDE
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	MTNS	PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT
SPECIES												
Common Loon	2 Grandby Reservoir 6/3 LR											
Arctic Loon		1 * (See enclosed details)										
Eared Grebe	2	1										
Western Grebe	2	17	34 CCRA 6/3 RA							2	16	
Pied-billed Grebe		1									9	
White Pelican		485										
Double-crested Cormorant		29									107	
Great Blue Heron	12	6	1						5		53	
Green Heron		1										
Snowy Egret		7										
Black-crowned Night Heron	1											
American Bittern		1									1	
Canada Goose	2										13	
Mallard	4	88							1		27	
Gadwall		2								2	2	
Pintail	1	52								8	14	
Green-winged Teal		2										
Blue-winged Teal	2	10									8	
Cinnamon Teal	2	11									22	
American Wigeon		2										
Shoveler		66									6	
Redhead 5 CCRA 6/3 RA		3	1								4	
Lesser Scaup		6	5 CCRA 6/3 RA									
Ruddy Duck		31	4 CCRA 6/3 RA							15	3	
Turkey Vulture					1							11
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1
Cooper's Hawk												1
Red-tailed Hawk			1		1	1						
Swainson's Hawk		2								2	1	2
Ferruginous Hawk		1 Johnson's Corner 6/8, 17-22, 24, 27-30 DH										
Golden Eagle				1				1		1		
Marsh Hawk		2								1	1	
Prairie Falcon	1 Newell Lake 6/9 DH								4			1
Sparrow Hawk	2	4			1		1		1	5	5	
Blue Grouse	2 W of Boulder SL											
Bobwhite		1										
Ring-necked Pheasant		4	1 Several all month Johnson's Corner DH								1	
Chukar											2	
Virginia Rail		1										
Sora											2	
American Coot		34									38	
Killdeer	6	16			1				2	9	14	3
Mountain Plover										8		
Common Snipe	1	1									2	
Upland Plover								1 Hudson 6/22 NH				
Spotted Sandpiper	5	1										
Lesser Yellowlegs											(1	
White-rumped Sandpiper		6)										
American Avocet	1	34								1	42	
Black-necked Stilt			4 Cheraw Lake, Otero County 6/4 PT									
Wilson's Phalarope	12	1						7 Antero Reservoir 6/26 RA				
California Gull		28						20 Antero Reservoir 6/26 RA				
Ring-billed Gull		33								1		
Franklin's Gull		1										
Rock Dove		7		50				20	20		8	
Mourning Dove	8	95	8	3	11	1	12	5	18	95	67	8
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		2					1					
Cuckoo, Sp.									1			
Great Horned Owl		1								1		
Burrowing Owl		4							8	11	18	
Short-eared Owl		2									2	
Poorwill							6 W of Boulder 6/8 SL					
Common Nighthawk		1										
Black Swift						3 NW of Eldora 6/21 SL						
Chimney Swift	1	Few all month N Denver DH										
White-throated Swift				1				40				30
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1			3		7			1			6
Belted Kingfisher	1	1				1						1
Red-shafted Flicker	5	5		2			3	3	1	5	7	6
Lewis' Woodpecker				2				2				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								3 Georgia Pass 6/26 RA				
Williamson's Sapsucker						1	2 Crescent(Boulder Co. 6/18,25 RA					
Downy Woodpecker		1					1				2	
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker						1 NW of Eldora 6/21 SL						

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SPECIES												
Savannah Sparrow											3	
Grasshopper Sparrow											2	
Vesper Sparrow		1		1	1				13			3
Lark Sparrow		6			3	6						
Cassin's Sparrow	1 CCRA 6/1 SL		4 CCRA 6/3, 11 RA			20						
Gray-headed Junco						6						
Chipping Sparrow						1						5
Brewer's Sparrow		1										
White-crowned Sparrow				1								
Lincoln's Sparrow						1						
Song Sparrow				1		4	5		11			
McCown's Longspur										2		
Chestnut-collared Longspur										1		
Longspur, Sp.										42		
TOTAL SPECIES	158	43	83	15	34	28	26	16	27	41	35	56	56

15 South Park 6/26 RA

All month Johnson's Corner DH

4 CCRA 6/3, 11 RA 20 Otero County 6/4 5 PT

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews, Patty Echelmeyer, Nancy Hurley, David Hutchinson, Steve Larson, Leona Rowe, David Smith, R. Martin Smith, Linda Smith, Mildred Snyder, Don Thatcher, Peter Tallman.

(- First Arrival on Denver area plains
) - Last Departure from Denver area plains
* - Pending acceptance of the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Official Records Committee

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PARULA WARBLER OBSERVED IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

David J. Smith of Lima, Ohip and R. Martin Smith and Linda Smith of Madison, Wisconsin report that on June 20, 1974 they saw and heard a male Parula Warbler at the Fern Lake trailhead in Rocky Mountain National Park. The bird was first heard singing in some scattered pine and spruce trees located on a small hummock in an alder swamp in a mountain meadow elevation approximately 8000 feet. The weather was clear and sunny during the 10-15 minutes of observation time. It was observed from a distance as close as 15 feet with 7x35 binoculars. It was photographed at distances of 15-25 feet. During the observation time the bird spent most of his time in the alder bushes only partly visible, but there were several periods of time (as long as 1-2 minutes when he was in full view. They first located the bird by his song with which they were already familiar both from recordings and field experience. The song consisted of a buzzy trill rising in pitch until dropping suddenly at the very end with a "ssppt" or "sspush" sound. The entire song was about 1½-2 seconds in length and was repeated about every 15-20 seconds during a good portion of the time he was observed. The observers agreed that the song was what they remembered the Parula Warbler's song to be even before they saw the bird. When they were finally able to observe the bird, they saw a small wren sized bird with a light blue back and head, yellow throat and breast, and white belly. In addition the bird had two white wing-bars, broken white eye-rings, a necklace through the center of the yellow portion of his body which consisted of a lower reddish band and an upper darker band immediately adjacent to the redband, and olive green patch in the mid shoulder area of his back. These field notes were taken before consulting Birds of North America, Robbins, Zim, et. al. After this the bi rd was carefully matched against the Parula as described therein. After returning to their car and consulting the Birds of ROcky Mountain National Park THEY discovered only one previous record of this species in the park and further noted that this was an extremely late record for the state of Colorado. They reported this bird to Hugh Kingery who submitted it to the Lark Bunting.

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CASSIN'S SPARROWS AT CHERRY CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA.

Two reports of Cassin's Sparrow were made from the Cherry Creek State Redreation Area this month. 1 on June 1, 1974 by Steve Larson and 4 on June 3 and June 11, 1974 by Robert Andrews. Bob Andrews reports that he first found the birds at the east entrance of CCRA about 4:00 PM on June 3, 1974. He was able to observe one singing bird for about 10 minutes and heard the other 3 sing in the general vicinity. On June 11, 1974 he observed for about 15-20 minutes about 7;30 PM. One individual was seen at a minimum distance of 25 feet with the sun shining on the bird from behind the observer. Three other birds were seen and heard singing at greater distances in the same area. The bird that was closest to the observer had the following field marks. Upperparts grayish-brown with black streaks. Pale grayish white eyebrow line. Underparts unmarked pale grayish-white. Tail fairlybroad, rounded and unmarked dark brown. Legs pink. Bill grayish. The distinctive song was heard many times. from 4 individuals. Some singing was done while the bird was perched on a fence. but mostly the birds sang while on skylarking flight. They were observed in a grassy field with scattered shrubs, yucca and a small grove of trees alongside the field. On June 11, Bob looked for but was unable to find a nest. The birds were probably nesting or making nesting preparations. A report has been submitted to the CFO Official records committee.

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SPECIES												
Eastern Kingbird	4	9	1		1					3		1
Western Kingbird	1	55			3				5	21	9	1
Say's Phoebe	1			1					3			1
Empidonax, Sp.	1											
Western Wood Pewee		2		2	1				1		1	1
Olive-sided Flycatcher						1		1				
Horned Lark		38	3						19	130	18	2
Violet-green Swallow				6		8		20				20
Tree Swallow	100		7 CCRA 6/3 RA)									
Bank Swallow	1											
Rough-winged Swallow	1	1										1
Barn Swallow	50	32	100	1			1			68	40	
Cliff Swallow	12	230		8				6	150	120		
Purple Martin						1 male E. of Boulder 6/26 SL				*		
Blue Jay										4		
Scrub Jay				4	1			5	3			2
Black-billed Magpie	5	28	2	4		2	6	5	4	20	28	3
Common Raven							1 South Park 6/26 RA					1
Common Crow	1								3			2
Black-capped Chickadee		3		4				2	3		6	2
Mountain Chickadee						12						
White-breasted Nuthatch												1
House Wren		9		2			1	2	2	3	6	4
Long-billed Marsh Wren			6 CCRA 6/3 RA)			NEW LATE RECORD						
Canon Wren				2				2	3			
Rock Wren												6
Mockingbird		2								3	1	1
Catbird				3								
Brown Thrasher		6								1		
Robin	10	15	2	14		4	6	10	12		7	12
Swainson's Thrush		1	3 CCRA 6/3 RA 1 Aurora 6/6 MOS)									
Veery		1										
Western Bluebird												2
Mountain Bluebird						5						7
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher												2
Golden-crowned Kinglet						3						
Sprague's Pipit			50 Otero County 6/5 PT									
Cedar Waxwing		2)										
Loggerhead Shrike		2								5	2	
Starling	50	575		1			39	5	185	2	110	7
Red-eyed Vireo		2		1								
Warbling Vireo		1				1	1 Wheatridge 6/27 PE					1
Virginia's Warbler				5								6
Parula Warbler	1 N Denver 6/16 DT)					1 Rocky Mountain National Park 6/20DLMS						
	NEW LATE RECORD											
Yellow Warbler	1	4		5	2			5	6		4	3
Audubon's Warbler						5						
MacGillivray's Warbler						2						
Yellowthroat	26	13									8	
Yellow-breasted Chat				7				6				
House Sparrow	10	165	6		2		25		28	6	86	7
Western Meadowlark	20	135	25	1	11			4	45	50	92	13
Yellow-headed Blackbird	50	112				15 Antero Reservoir 6/26 RA					200	
Red-winged Blackbird	200	150	25			20	2		16	3	60	15
Orchard Oriole		5	2 CCRA 6/3 RA									
Bullock's Oriole	3	19		10	3		12	10	3		14	3
Brewer's Blackbird	30	16			7	10		1	15			5
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	11		8	3	1		5	1		2	6
Common Grackle	50	90	8		7	3	5	3	24	1	92	16
Western Tanager												2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak								1 Wheatridge 6/27 PE				
Black-headed Grosbeak				4	2				3			2
Blue Grosbeak	Several Otero County 6/4-5 PT								1			
Indigo Bunting					1		2		1			2
Lazuli Bunting				5	2				20			7
Cassin's Finch						2 Michigan Creek Campground 6/26 RA						
House Finch	1	16		6			6		4		12	
Pine Siskin						14						3
American Goldfinch					2							1
Lesser Goldfinch				1				4				3
Red Crossbill	6 CCRA 6/1 SL)					2	3 Crescent 6/26 RA					3
Green-tailed Towhee				2				1				2
Rufous-sided Towhee				10	9			16	12			7
Lark Bunting		40	20		3					149	18	

ARCTIC LOON OBSERVED AT PROSPECT RESERVOIR

One non-breeding immature Arctic Loon, Gavia arctica, was observed by Jack Reddall and Ward Chadwick at Prospect Reservoir, Weld County, Colorado between 8:00 and 8;40 A.M. MDT. It was observed through 10x50 binoculars and B/L 15-60 X telescope. The air was still, it was clear, and bright with the light coming from behind the observers. The bird was an estimated 500 yards away moving to within 100 yards for about 20 minutes. The bird appeared to be long bodied, thick necked with a medium straight, pointed bill. Dark upper parts contrasting strikingly with white underparts; very strong line of demarcation between face and neck with white throat and neck. Soft gray head and nape. The bill was of medium length, straight and pointed, dark gray in color. Thecrown and forehead were very soft gray contrasting with darker back. The eye was dark in color. The nape was very soft gray, the face white, the throat was white. The breast and sides were very white, strong contrast with dark upper parts. THE belly and flanks were white. The back was uniformly blackish-gray; faint scaly effect noted. The wings were uniformly blackish-gray; no white patches noted when bird raised its wings. The underwings were dark. The rump, uppertail coverts and the upperside of the tail were blackish gray. The tail was short. It was first observed at great distance, but was recognized as a loon. It began diving and working closer to the observers and finally came to witin about 100 yards providing excellent observation for about 20 minutes. The habitat was a large fresh water reservoir on the high plains of eastern Colorado. Jack has had much experience with this species of the Pacific Coast from California to Washington since 1961 and has observed it twice before in Colorado. Other similarly appearing species were eliminated by. Common Loon is much larger with a much longer and larger bill which is much thicker at the base than the Arctic. The common Loon also shows much less contrast between upper and lower parts, particularly in the facial area and the neck area. The soft gray head contrasting with a much darker back is not evident in Common Loon. Red-throated Loon is much paler overall on upper parts, is more snake-like and has prominent up-turned, very light bill. Western Grebes, which were swimming nearby were eliminated as being much more snake-like with yellowish, needle bill and white wing patches. This report has been submitted to the CFO Official Records Committee by Jack Reddall. This observation took place June 2, 1974.

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS, USING THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS AREA TRIP CHECKLIST OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHECKLIST, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER EACH TRIP TO DAVID HUTCHINSON, 9141 Stuart St., Westminster, COLORADO 80030. PHONE: 428-3922. PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR IF A FIELD TRIP IS CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON. DEADLINE IS THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH. REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.

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INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual contributions should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you or a friend(s) go on a field trip, send in a report and I'll use as many as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as often some rather common birds are not observed on the regularly scheduled field trips. We would like to have our report of observations to be as complete as possible.

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REPORTING OF VERY RARE, CASUAL, ACCIDENTAL AND SEASONALLY UNUSUAL BIRDS: When reporting any of these birds, please give as many details as possible. List field marks, behavior, habitat, observers, conditions of observation. It is necessary to have these types of observations documented so that accurate reporting of species results. Often observations are used for research and the better the documentation the more reliable the records.

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CORNELL NESTING RECORDS: please continue to make observations of nesting birds. Make records of your observations. Nesting cards are available from Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone: 757-0837. Remember, use pencils on the cards. Lots of luck.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND UNDELIVERED BULLETINS: Please notify your editor of any change of address or any issues of The Lark Bunting WHICH are not received.

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS, PLEASE NOTE: On club sponsored field trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 6¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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31, Saturday. Guanella Pass. Ray Olson, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. *

* Bring Lunch.

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JULY 6-7 Saturday and Sunday. Rock Creek Nesting Area. Harold and LaVona Holt, Leaders. (Clear to partly cloudy. 50-80°) Marian Crane (Texas), Mary Hutchins, Jim Lane, Larry Smith, Mary Tigner (Texas), Becky and Garland Truitt, Dean and Ellen Valentine, Art Wainwright. (32 Species)

13, Saturday. Filius Park, Squaw Mountain, Summit Lake. Lynn Wilcockson, Leader. (Clear to partly cloudy. 8 hours) Dorothy Bailey, Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Margo and Ward Chadwick, John and Joyce Cooper, Hazel Kellogg, Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Jane Newcomb, Lulita Pritchett, Ruth Wheeler. (40 Species)

13, Saturday. Ten miles SW of Holyoke. (Clear. 98°. 5 hours) Bill Gillespie, observer. (8 Species)

14, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Fair, hot. 3 hours) Carol Hopkins, Thompson Marsh, Vito Tursi. (28 Species)

14, Sunday, Pueblo to Ordway, Rocky Ford, Cheraw and LaJunta. (Clear to partly cloudy. 62-105°. Calm. 10 hours) Dave Griffiths, Stan Oswald, Jack Reddall, Observers. (78 Species)

14, Sunday. Evergreen Area. (Sunny and warm. 5½ hours) Bobby Ausfahl and Merle Barbour, observers. (24 Species)

20, Saturday. Coal Creek Canyon, Eldora, Middle Boulder Creek. Sadie Morrison and Gail Schickley, Leaders. (Warm, partly cloudy, slight breeze, some showers. 8½ hours) Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Henry Bossman, Margo and Ward Chadwick, John and Joyce Cooper, Juanita Craig, Marilyn Crane(Houston, Texas), Marian David (Cleveland, Ohio), Karen Gale, Hazel Kellogg, Cecily Mellor, Arlene Parker, Ruth and Victor Schuldt (Scottsdale, Arizona), Ruth Wheeler. (43 Species)

21, Sunday, Barr Lake, Mile High Duck Club, Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Doug Stotz, Leader. (70-90°, Clear to partly cloudy. 7 hours) Bob Glover, Jack Reddall. (73 Species)

27, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Robert Spencer, Leader. (Warm, partly cloudy with rain and wind midafternoon. 7 hours) Christine Bonney, Juanita Craig, Cicely Mellor, Ralph Sargent, Shirley Spencer. (31 Species)

27, Saturday. Eleven Mile Reservoir. Don and Eloise Sletten. (12 Species)

27, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland(Nunn to Grover) and Muir Springs.(Colorado Field Ornithologists Field Trip) Jack Reddall, Leader. (Clear to overcast with light rain showers. 65-95°. 12 hours) Merle Barbour(Denver), Diane Bergh(Denver), D. Bruce Bosley (Boulder), Ward Chadwick(Denver), Lori Chappell(Denver), John and Joyce Cooper(Denver), Mary Cornelius(Denver), Cathy Cowles(Boulder), Patricia and Richard Crist(Ft. Collins), Ray Fallen(Greeley), Virginia Faxon(Denver), Dave Griffiths(Pueblo), Bob and Lorna Gustafson(Grand Junction), Linda Lahman(Greeley), Thompson Marsh(Denver), Marty McGovern, (Greeley), Marilyn Miller(Denver), Sadie Morrison(Denver), Floyd Penell(Denver), Jim Pinnell(Greeley), Mary Jane Schock(Denver), Arnold Silverman(Denver), Paul Silverman (Denver), Allen Stokes(Denver), David, Gregg and Edwina Thomas(Colorado Springs), Pat Thorsberg(Denver) Ann Wichmann(Boulder)(71 Species)

28, Sunday, Louviers, Sedalia, Jackson Creek. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. (70-90°, 7 hours) 37 Species)

28, Sunday. Cherokee Park State Wildlife Area. (Warm and sunny) Jennifer, Kathryn and Paul Rechel, Observers. (37 Species)

29-30, Monday, Tuesday. Bonny Reservoir. (Hot, sunny, windy 7/30. 21 hours) Doug Stotz, Observer. (76 Species)

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AREA	RGNA	FP	SM	SL	HOLY	RRP	PUEB	EVER	ELD	BARR	MNP	PNG	EMR	LSJ	CP	BONN
HABITAT	MTNS	MTN	MTN	MTN		FOOT		MTNS	MTN	PLN	MTN	PLN	MTN	FOO		PLNS
Common Loon	1 Dye Reservoir 7/1-26 DG						1									
Eared Grebe							3			2						
Western Grebe	8 CCRA 7/3 RA						32			185						
Pied-billed Grebe							19			2			5			
White Pelican										250			10			
Double-crested Cormorant							1			150						
Great Blue Heron							31			130			1			4
Green Heron																5
Common Egret							1									
Black-crowned Night Heron							5			22	1 CCGB 7/29 JPR					2
American Bittern						1 Dry Creek 7/15 DH										
Canada Goose										18						4
Mallard							4	1		120	4	35	35			8
Gadwall							4			75			25			
Pintail							2			45						
Green-winged Teal							2			6						
Blue-winged Teal							13			12			1			
American Widgeon										1						
Shoveler										2						
Wood Duck						8 McClelland Reservoir 7/16 RA										
Redhead							2			3			2			
Canvasback							1									
Ruddy Duck							11			10			2			
Turkey Vulture	3 Canon City 7/1 DH		1 Buffalo 7/10 RS					3						1	5	16
Goshawk		1 Kenosha Pass 7/1 DH														
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2 Canon City 7/1 DH															
Cooper's Hawk		1 Pine Junction 7/1 DH							1		1 SMAR 7/22 DH					
Red-tailed Hawk									1	1	1	2		2	1	1
Swainson's Hawk			1 Stapleton Airport 7/15MS3							1		8				4
Ferruginous Hawk												6	1			
Golden Eagle		1 RRP 7/10 RS							1			1	2 Masonville 7/27 DH			
Marsh Hawk				1												1
Osprey			1 Grand Lake 7/12 JR													
Prairie Falcon												1				
Sparrow Hawk	1	1					4			9		5		1	12	5
White-tailed Ptarmigan				4 RMNP 7/26 JR							1a6i					
Bobwhite																3
Scaled Quail							11									
Ring-necked Pheasant				3			2									17
Chukar										1						
Virginia Rail												2				1
American Coot							750			75						1
Snowy Plover			10 pairs Timber				25		Lake near Cheraw all month DG							
Killdeer							110			14		2	1	4		3
Mountain Plover							400					2				
Common Snipe										4						
Long-billed Curlew				5			17									1
Spotted Sandpiper		2					2		2	6		1				5
Solitary Sandpiper							2			2						1
Willet	1 CCRA 7/3 RA									2						1
Greater Yellowlegs							6			9		3				
Lesser Yellowlegs							10									
White-rumped Sandpiper							1									
Baird's Samdpiper	(16 CCRA 7/3 RA									70						2
Least Sandpiper							75									
Short-billed Dowitcher							1*									
Long-billed Dowitcher	1 CCRA 7/3 RA						1			7						
Western Sandpiper							500			22						
American Avocet							89			13						
Black-necked Stilt	Up to (14) Cheraw (7/21) all monthDG						6									
Wilson's Phalarope							11			2						
California Gull							21			45						
Ring-billed Gull							40			75		1				12
Franklin's Gull							425			3000	11					4
Forster's Tern							9									8
Least Tern	1 Dye Reservoir 7/1-28 DG						1*									
Black Tern							1			4						77
Band-tailed Pigeon	5 Canon City 7/1 DH			5 RMNP 7/10 RA							3 SMAR 7/21-27 DH					
Rock Dove						20	6			12		15				8
Mourning Dove		2				6	175	6	4	65		285	15		11	77
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1 Wheatridge 7/1 PE			1 SE Denver 7/7 RA								1				3
Barn Owl								1 Bonny Reservoir 7/20 DG, SBO								
Great Horned Owl		1				2	1			2						6
Pygmy Owl											1 SMAR 7/26 DH					
Burrowing Owl					26		1			13		3				

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HABITAT	MTNS	MTN	MTNS	MTNS		FOOT		MTNS	MTNS	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS	MTN	FOO	PLNS
SPECIES														
Short-eared Owl	1 N of Lafayette 7/4; 2, 7/13; 6, 7/14-15 BL													
Common Nighthawk			25 SMAR 7/21-27 DH						3		8			5
Black Swift	2 RMNP, Loch Vale 7/10 RA													
White-throated Swift						8				3 SMAR 7/25 DH				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	6	1	3					2	25		6		8	8
Rufous Hummingbird	1 Pine Junction 7/1 DH							1	5			1		
Calliope Hummingbird	1 male Conifer 7/9 BPEARLY RECORD							1 Evergreen 7/17,19 DS						
Hummingbird, Sp.								1						
Belted Kingfisher	1 Plum Creek 7/1 DH								1		2		1	7
Red-shafted Flicker		2				2	2	2	4	6		1	2	
Common Flicker													12	13
Red-headed Woodpecker							5				2			24
Lewis' Woodpecker						2	6						7	8
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	1 RMNP 7/12 JR												
Williamson's Sapsucker	1	1						1	1				1	
Hairy Woodpecker	2	1 CCGB 7/17 JPR						1	1					3
Downy Woodpecker										5	2			14
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker	1 Echo Lake 7/6 JR								1 Georgia Pass 7/25 PE					
Eastern Kingbird					1		3			16		7	4	1
Western Kingbird							215			14	35			23
Say's Phoebe	5 Canon City 7/1 DH					2					3			6
Empidonax, Sp.						2								
Traill's Flycatcher			1 RMNP 7/12											
Least Flycatcher														1
Hammond's Flycatcher		1 Evergreen 7/6 JR												
Dusky Flycatcher	2			1 Loch Vale, RMNP 7/10 RA										
Western Flycatcher		1	1 2 Evergreen 7/10 RS						1 SMAR 7/26 DH					
Western Wood Pewee	3	2						3	4	7	2	4		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2		1 RMNP 7/12 JR				2 Loch Vale, RMNP 7/10 RA							
Horned Lark				1	11		210			9		450	4	2
Violet-green Swallow						4			8		2			
Tree Swallow	12		8 RMNP 7/3 RA						4	3	21			6
Bank Swallow										1				
Rough-winged Swallow								5		2		1	15	3
Barn Swallow							39		2	53		70	12	15
Cliff Swallow						9	70	25	250	4		3	25	24	12
Gray Jay	2		1	2 Jones Pass 7/4 DH					1					
Blue Jay											3			28
Steller's Jay	1		1					3	4		10		2	2
Scrub Jay	7 Canon City 7/1 DH					4							2	2
Black-billed Magpie	4	1				2	23	3	3	57	3	3	2	4
Common Raven	2		1	2 Kenosha Pass 7/1 , 2 Jones Pass 7/4 DH							1	2 SMAR 7/21-27 DH		
Common Crow		2			2							2		
Pinon Jay	1 Canon City 7/1 DH												1	
Clark's Nutcracker			1	1 Kenosha Pass 7/1 DH					2		21			
Black-capped Chickadee						1				7	2	4	3	16
Mountain Chickadee	2	3	1						2		2		1	
Plain Titmouse	3 Canon City 7/1 DH													
Common Bushtit	2 Canon City 7/1 DH													
White-breasted Nuthatch	1							3 SMAR 7/21-27						
Red-breasted Nuthatch														1
Pygmy Nuthatch		3							3		13 SMAR 7/21-27 DH			
Brown Creeper			6 Buffalo 7/10 RS											
Dipper									1		1			
House Wren	4					2		1	11		11		6	63
Bewick's Wren							1							
Canon Wren						2								
Rock Wren													6	
Mockingbird							16				2			11
Catbird		1 RRP 7/10 RS											1	2
Brown Thrasher							6				3		1	23
Sage Thrasher											1			
Robin	24	1	1			2	12	5	20	27	12	10	1	32
Hermit Thrush	4		1	4 Squaw Pass 7/10 RS							1			
Swainson's Thrush	1 Pine Junction 7/1 DH								1 SMAR 7/21-27 DH					
Eastern Bluebird														1
Western Bluebird		2	2 Canon City 7/1 DH						1 Monument 7/2 RA					
Mountain Bluebird	15 Canon City 7/1 DH								3		3		2	24
Townsend's Solitaire	2		1	1 Pine Jct. 7/1 DH 3 Jones Pass 7/4					1 SMAR 7/21-27 DH					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4 Canon City 7/1 DH													
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	2 Pine Junction 7/1 DH								3 SMAR 7/21-27 DH				
Ruby crowned Kinglet	12	1	2						2	3				2
Water Pipit			7 Jones Pass 7/4 DH							30				

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HABITAT	MTNS	MTN	MTNS	MTNS		FOOT		MTNS	MTN	PLNS	MTNS	MTNS	PLN	FOO		PLNS
SPECIES																
Loggerhead Shrike							6						23			
Starling						19	230			78			150	15	1	6
Bell's Vireo																3
Solitary Vireo		1	5 Mt. Lindo 7/10 RS					1 Wheatridge 7/30 PE								3
Red-eyed Vireo		4	1 Morrison 7/6 JR													1
Warbling Vireo	6								2		1					3
Orange-crowned Warbler			1 RMNP 7/6 DH													
Virginia's Warbler	3 Mt. Lindo 7/10 RS					1			1							
Yellow Warbler						2		2		1					2	
Audubon's Warbler	6	1	1						3		2	1				
MacGillivray's Warbler			1 RMNP 7/12 JR						2							
Yellowthroat							2			7			9	3	3	32
Yellow-breasted Chat			1 RRP 7/10 RS				5	3 SMAR 7/21, 27 DH						1	1	
Wilson's Warbler	26		7								6					
American Redstart					1 adult female feeding young Waterton 7/21 DS											
House Sparrow							130	2	2	60	60		100	11	330	330
Western Meadowlark		1				4	155	4		45			130	5	6	38
Yellow-headed Blackbird							4			15						4
Red-winged Blackbird	10						160	4	6	90	2		50	4		125
Orchard Oriole		1 CCRA 7/3 RA											2			78
Baltimore Oriole																11
Bullock's Oriole						1	18	1		18			6	1		122
Northern Oriole														1		
Brewer's Blackbird	22						180	3			5			24		
Common Grackle							200	2		38			10	9		16
Brown-headed Cowbird						3				9			1			45
Western Tanager		1	1 CCGB 7/15 JPR						4	6 CCGB 7/28 JPR			1			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			1 Wheatridge 7/3 PE						1	Bonny Reservoir 7/20 DG,BSO						4
Black-headed Grosbeak						4			1				1			1
Blue Grosbeak							3			1			2			7
Indigo Bunting		1 CCRA 7/3 RA											1			
Lazuli Bunting						1		1	2							
Dickcissel	1 Rocky Ford, Cheraw, LaJunta, Las Animas, Flagler, Bonny Res. 7/20															5
Evening Grosbeak	5 Buffalo 7/10 RS		2 RRP 7/25 PE			3 Littleton 7/26, 8 7/28								2		
Cassin's Finch	3 Pine Junction 7/1 DH		1 Loch Vale RMNP 7/16		RA 1										1	
House Finch						8	11	5		9		1	1	5		
Pine Grosbeak	2		3	2 Jones Pass 7/4 DH		1 Echo Lake 7/10 RS										
Brown-capped Rosy Finch				23	3 Jones Pass 7/4 DH		1 RMNP 7/12 JR									
Pine Siskin	18	2							17		3			1	12	2
American Goldfinch						2				8		1	1	12		12
Lesser Goldfinch	3 Morrison 7/6 JR								2					6		
Red Crossbill		2									1 SMAR 7/25					
Green-tailed Towhee						1			10					1		
Rufous-sided Towhee						7								9	20	
Lark Bunting							11			8			1850	2		18
Savannah Sparrow							1									
Grasshopper Sparrow							8						1			2
Vesper Sparrow		4							1				1		12	4
Lark Sparrow	DH 3 Johnson's Corner allmonth				4		6			1			7	3		55
Cassin's Sparrow	6 CCRA 7/3 RA						1									6
Gray-headed Junco	6	1	2					9	4						4	
Chipping Sparrow	1	3							4	3	1	6	100			8
Brewer's Sparrow													4			
White-crowned Sparrow	18		9								4					
Lincoln's Sparrow	14		3		2 Echo lake 7/10 RS											
Song Sparrow	2 Jones Pass 7/4 DH								3				2			
McCown's Longspur													20			
Chestnut-collared Longspur													16			
TOTAL SPECIES	207	32	26	18	3	8	28	78	24	43	73	31	12	71	37	37	76

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* - Pending acceptance of the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Official Records Committee
CCRA - Cherry Creek Recreation Area
CCGB - Clear Creek Greenbelt, Wheatridge
SMAR - Storm Mountain Access Road, Roosevelt National Forest
RRP - Red Rocks Park
RMNP - Rocky Mountain National Park

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IN MEMORY

Dr. Robert Niedrach, assistant director-emeritus of the Denver Museum of Natural History, died unexpectedly in the museum parking lot Wednesday, July 10, 1974 about noon as he backed his car out. He had spent the morning visiting departments in the museum where he had spent more than fifty years. He retired in 1970. Dr. Niedrach, 84, an early member of the Denver Field Ornithologists was a life member. He was born November 9, 1889, in Hudson County, New Jersey. He became interested in nature and became familiar with meadows along the Palisades and the Hackensack River early in life. He learned taxidermy and practiced it in Denver from 1910-12. He met Frederick C. Lincoln, curator of birds at what was then the Colorado Museum of Natural History and became Lincoln's assistant. Except for a hitch during World War I, he served the museum for more than fifty years. Dr. Niedrach's main thrust was in field work. His efforts took him to the far corners of the earth-- Central America, Baja California, Pacific Islands, Australia, among other places. He was responsible for a number of the life-like exhibits in the museum, both in preparing animals and setting up their environment and painting backgrounds. At his retirement, a fellow worker referred to him as close to being an all around naturalist (a vanishing species) as can be found in our age of specialization. We express our consolation to his widow, daughter and granddaughters.

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS, USING THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS AREA TRIP CHECKLIST OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHECKLIST, OR LIST IN AOU CHECKLIST ORDER, AS SOON AS POSSILLE AFTER EACH TRIP TO DAVID HUTCHINSON, 9141 STUART STREET, WESTMINSTER, COLORADO 80030. PHONE: 428-3922. PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR IF A FIELD TRIP IS CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON. DEADLINE IS THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH. REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.

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INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual contributions should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you or a friend(s) fo on a field trip, send in a report and I'll use as many as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as often some rather common birds are not observed on the regularly scheduled field trips. We would like to have our report of observations as complete as possible.

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REPORTING OF VERY RARE, CASUAL, ACCIDENTAL AND SEASONALLY UNUSUAL BIRDS: When reporting any of these species, give as many details as possible. List field marks, behavior,habitat, observers, conditions of observation. It is necessary to have these types of observations documented so that accurate reporting of species results. Often observations are used for research and the better the documentation the more reliable the records.

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CFO OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTE LIST OF RARE OR UNUSUAL SPECIES: Any of the 97 species listed in the May 1974, LARK BUNTING, or species which are a first sighting for the state of Colorado definitely need documentation. If you observe any birds which fall in this category, please complete a COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT. These forms are available from Jack Reddall, 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110 or your editor. Please return the completed forms to Jack Reddall. A copy could be submitted to the editor for publishing in The Lark Bunting. As you have probably noticed in the listing of sightings each month some species have been followed by an asterisk * which means that these observations are pending acceptance by the CFO Official Records Committee. From time to time a list will be printed to provide results of the CFO Official Records Committee action on reports submitted to them. Results will show observations either approved or disapproved. ANY SPECIES WHICH ARE A FIRST SIGHTING FOR THE STATE OF COLORADO WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNTIL THE COMMITTEE HAS ACTED. I am confident that I will have your cooperation and acceptance of this procedure. This procedure will help the CFO and The Lark Bunting equally. It will help document rare and unusual species and will help your periodical be an accurate publication. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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CORNELL NESTING RECORDS: Get your nesting records compiled,written up on the nesting cards in pencil and send to Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone: 757-0837. If you need cards or have questions. Contact Nancy.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND UNDELIVERED BULLETINS: Please notify your editor of any change of address or any issues of The Lark Bunting which are not received.

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 6¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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RARE BIRD ALERT: ATTENTION! Want to be on(or off) our Rare Bird Alert List? Call Mildred Snyder, 366-7610 or Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4847. Don't Forget to notify your rare bird alert caller if you are going to be out of town.

FIELD TRIP POINTERS: The following are courtesy of Dr. Ward Chadwick and ... ical Society.

For enjoyment, comfort, safety of everyone

1. Wear shoes and clothing adaptable to weather and temperature changes, wind, rain and wet vegetation.
2. Bring binoculars, field guide, notebook, pencil.
3. Check The Lark Bunting for trip details.
4. Leave dog at home.
5. Arrive at meeting place on time with ample supply of gasoline and correctly set watch.
6. To hold caravan together, keep the car behind you in your rear-view mirror.
7. When stopping, pull well off road, turn off motor promptly, after leader leaves car close doors quietly.

To prevent flushing birds

8. Do not "case" area before leader arrives.
9. Never precede leader on walk or in caravan.
10. Avoid early departure through area yet to be explored by group.
11. Avoid sudden or loud noises and sweeping gestures.

"Bird Listening" is as important as "Bird Watching"

12. Avoid undue noises of voices and feet, car motors and doors.

Practice good conservation

13. "Take nothing but pictures, leave only your footprints."

STOP LOOK LISTEN LEARN SHARE

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FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY BALD EAGLE PROGRAM: Let's continue to support this program. Save undamaged unsoaked comemorative stamps. Cut them from the envelopes leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch margin. Deliver them to Patty Echelmeyer at the meetings or mail them to her at : 2695 Newland St., Denver, Colorado 80214.

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CLUB TELESCOPE: It is suggested that all field trip leaders attempt to make use of the club telescope on field trips. It is a Bausch and Lomb Zoom 60 which is 15X-60X by 60 mm. Call Ron Lestina, 429-8343 for help in locating the scope. Please keep Ron Lestina informed of the location of the telescope until Don Thatcher returns to town.

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LIFERS WANTED LIST FOR COLORADO: Do you have a "Lifers Wanted List for Colorado?" If so, send a copy to Mildred Snyder, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011 or Patty Echelmeyer, 2695 Newland St., Denver, Colorado 80214. They will try to contact you if your birds are around. Please keep them informed on latest revisions, too.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO: The 3rd Annual September Colorado Field Ornithologists field trips in the Pueblo, Colorado area, September 7 & 8, 1974, sponsored by the Pueblo Audubon Club. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Ramada Inn Parking Lot, Pueblo, Colorado, Saturday, September 7, 1974. Fall migration will be at its peak. It will be possible to see 100 species in an easy day's birding, many of them Pueblo area specialties. There will be field parties to the plains and lakes east of Pueblo and a trip from Pueblo to Westcliffe to Canon City Saturday. There will be a business meeting for board of directors, officers and advisory board members at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Van Truan, 2510 Elizabeth, Pueblo, Colorado. Meet at 8:00 A.M. Sunday, September 8, 1974 at the Ramada Inn parking lot for $\frac{1}{2}$ day field trips.

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ERRORS, OMISSIONS, CORRECTIONS: Please notify your editor if you find any errors or omissions in any issue of The Lark Bunting. I will make any corrections which are necessary as soon as Possible.

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CORRECTIONS: In the June 1974, Volume 9, No. 9 Lark Bunting in the report of the Spring Count, Park County Ring-necked Pheasants should not have been listed, also 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk should be included. The number of Lesser Scaup should have read 71 instead of the 21 reported.

In the July 1974, Volume 9, No, 10 Lark Bunting, the 50 Sprague's Pipits should have included pending acceptance of the CFO Official Records Committee.

COMMON LOON OBSERVED AT DYE RESERVOIR: One non-breeding Common Loon, Gavia immer was observed at Dye Reservoir, near Rocky Ford, Colorado, Otero County at approximately 10:30 - 10:45 A.M. MDT by Dave Griffiths, Stan Oswald and Jack Reddall. This report was furnished by Jack Reddall. The sighting was July 14, 1974. He was using 10X50 Bushnell Binoculars and a 15-60X Baush and Lomb telescope. The light conditions were bright and clear with the light from behind the observers. The air was still with some heat waves. It was observed at an estimated 200 feet. The bird was large loon-like, heavy bill in drab non-breeding plumage grayish above; light below; lack of strong line of demarcation between upper and lower parts(particularly on face and neck as in Arctic Loon. The bill was straight, long and pointed; thick at base; light gray in color. The crown and forehead were medium gray with the eye being dark. The nape was medium gray, the throat whitish, the breast and sides dirty white. The flanks were grayish-white. The back medium to dark gray. The wings were medium to dark gray; lacked white patches as in most grebes. The rump was dark gray as was the upper side of the tail. No voice was heard. The bird sat quietly on the water for the most part; occassionally preened self. The habitat was a fresh water marsh on the high plains of south east Colorado; the water level was considerably down. Jack has seen this species many times in all plumages at all times of the year in New York state; Michigan, California, Washington, Colorado; particularly common in winter plumage off Long Island, New York and California(Monterrey, San Francisco, Point Reyes, Newport Beach). Similarly appearing species were eliminated by the following . All large grebes eliminated due to different sisize and profile and lack of white wing patch. Red-throated Loon much smaller, lighter gray in non-breeding plumage and has thinner, slightly upturned bill. Arctic Loon also smaller, has slimmer, smaller straight bill; with gray head(even in non-breeding plumage, also shows stromg line of demarcation between upper and lower parts. Yellow-billed Loon has straw-colored, upturned bill. Double-crested Cormarant(which was present) is more snaky-like in profile and much darker. Dave Griffiths reports that the bird has been in this same location from June 15 through July 28.

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LEAST TERN OBSERVED AT DYE RESERVOIR: One breeding adult, Least Tern, Sterna albifrons, was reported by Jack Reddall on July 14, 1974. It was observed between 10;55 and 10:58 AM, MDT on Dye Reservoir near Rocky Ford, Otero County, Colorado. Other observers who identified the bird were Stan Oswold and Dave Griffiths. Jack was using 10X 50 Bushnell Binoculars the Light conditions were clear and bright. The sun was coming directly overhead. The distanne the observers were from the bird was an estimated 100-200 feet. The bird appeared to be extremely small tern; overall plumage white with black cap. It flew with a very quick, almost butterfly-like wing beats with its head pointed downward. The bill was small pointed, straight and yellow in color. The crown was black with a white forehead. The nape was black. The face, throat, breast and sides, belly and flanks, undertail coverts, rump, uppertail coverts, upper side of the tail, underside of the tail were white. The back was light gray with the wings light grayish to whitish; the outer two or three wing primaries were dark(black). The underwings were whitish. The tail was slightly forked. The voice was a very rapid "kitti-itti-itti". The bird flew in from the middle of the reservoir on very quick wing beats in the company of two Forster's Tern; circled and fluttered about and flew out. The habitat was a fresh water marsh on the high plains of southeastern Colorado with the water level down considerably. Jack has years of experience with literally thousands of breeding territories on Long Island, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. He has seen them regularly in Northern Illinois and once before in Colorado Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County, 9/2/1972. Similarly appearing species were eliminated by young Forster's Terns don't have yellow bills. All other adult terns eliminated on side and bill color. Gulls eliminated on size, shape and wing patterns. Stan Oswald reported seeing this bird at the same location on a couple of occassions about two weeks previous and obtained pictures. Dave Griffiths reported that it has been at the same location from June 15 through July 28, 1974.

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SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER OBSERVED NEAR CHERAW: One adult in breeding plumage was identified by Jack Reddall and Dave Griffiths on July 14, 1974 between 2:15 and 2:45 PM MDT on Timber Lake(also known as Horse Creek Reservoir) near Cheraw, Crowley and Bent County, Colorado. Jack Reddall submits that he used 10X50 Bushnell binoculars and 15-60X B/L Telescope. The light conditions were clear and bright with the light from behind the observers. The bird was an estimated 100 to 150 feet from the observers. The Short-billed Dowitcher, Limnodromus griseus, appeared to be a medium sized shorebird; snipe like in profile; long-straight bill, white on rump and lower back. The bill was long, needle-like, straight; grayish in color. The crown and forehead and nape were brownish-gray.The face was a light gray with a line through the eye. The throat was light gray. The breast and sides and belly and flanks were pale brownish-gray with spotting on the flanks. The back was dark cinnamon to brownish-gray with a scaly effect. The wings were dark cinnamon. The underwings were light gray, the rump white, the upper side of the tail was brownish, barring on

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the tail. The tail was short,stubby and extended beyond the wings when feeding. The voice was a loud "Teu-Teu-Teu" and was heard in flight. It was similar to but lower than the Greater Yellowlegs. It was heard distinctly twice from the same bird while in flight. The bird fed on mud flats in typical dowitcher fashion. The habitat was mud flats on a fresh water reservoir on the high plains of southeastern Colorado. Jack has seen and heard on both coasts. Long Island, New York (very common migrant) and California (winter visitor). He has observed it once before in COlorado, Adams County, 8/11/1973. Similarly appearing species were eliminated by : The Long-billed Dowitcher is normally darker backed and darker breasted and has barrin on the flanks instead of spotting and when feeding the tail does not extend beyond the wings. The flight call is a thin Keek. Jack reports that they observed five dowitchers feeding in shallow water along the mud flats. Four of these birds were quite light in overall coloration and had comparitively shorter bills. The fifth bird was comparatively darker in coloration and had an obviously longer bill. As the observers approached, the birds became quite wary. Before they flew , Jack reports that he was able to observe the spotting on the flanks of the four lighter plumaged birds which compared to a considerable barring on the darker colored bird. The tails extending beyond the wings was also quite evident on the lighter colored birds as they fed. Suddenly the flock took off, along with several hundred Mountain Plovers, several hundred Western Sandpipers and other assorted Peeps. They were unable to differentiate or segregate any calls due to the large number of birds that arose simultaneously from the mudflats. However, after the flock settled again, one of the lighter colored girds flew overhead calling quite distinctly-"Teu-Teu-Teu."They followed the bird in flight along the shore line and observed it as it settled about 300 feet away on a mudflat. They chased this bird, only to have it fly off again, giving the same characteristic call. Jack reports only one bird that he feels could correctly identified as a Short-billed Dowitcher. Nevertheless he feels that he saw four Shortbilled Dowitchers and one Long-billed Dowitcher upon other characteristics noted.

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POSSIBLE SHORT-EARED OWL NESTING NEAR LAFAYETTE: Brian Lewis reports possible nesting of Short-eared Owls north of Lafayette, Colorado near his home. On July 4, 1974 he saw a single Short-eared Owl. On July 13 two were observed. The next day, July 14, beginning at 6:30 AM he eventually saw six Short-eared Owls at one time. July 15 he talked to Paul Julian about then and on the 16 of July Paul and Brian went out to the area and saw the owls. THere were 5 or six owls observed. Three times they saw a mouse or other small animal brought in claws or beak and given to birds waiting on fence posts. We think that some of these waiting birds were calling. They were unable to decide on definite plumage differences and Paul Checked into plumaged differences between adult and young. There was some differentiation in plumage. They also found a dead Short-eared Owl, rather small , that had impaled itself on a barbed wire fence and was hanging from the wire. Brian thinks that the owl had been there for at least a week from its condition. He believes that there at least seven different owls. Paul Julian reports that from reading in Bent that the birds they saw that they were all adult birds as the immature birds are kept quite well hidden until they are well fledged and from his reading he didn'tthink they had time to be fully fledged yet. However from the behavior of the owls taking food into some tall grass he thinks that there were probably some young in the vicinity but none were actually found.

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CASSINS SPARROWS AT CHERRY CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA: Bob Andrews reports observing 7 on July 3, 1974, 6 singing males in the area of the east entrance. One non-singing individual presumably a female was seen near the singing male was observed carrying food in its beak, an indiredt sign of nesting. He reports searching for but being unable to find a nest.

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EMPIDONAX, SP. AND LEAST FLYCATCHER OBSERVED AT BONNY RESERVOIR: Doug Stotz reports that they were observed along the Republican River below the reservoir on July 29, 1974. There were four Empidonax and one Least Flycatcher. The Least Flycatcher was both seen and heard(the typical chebek sound). Olive back, two white wing bars, eye-ring and whitish underparts indicated the Empidonaxs. Grayish throat with virtually no contrast with the breast and dark lower mandible indicate Least. Traill's and Acadian are the only others likely during the summer on the Colorado border and have light lower mandible and white throat.The Empidonax, Sp. all had white throats and at least four had a light lower mandible, so were not Least Flycatchers. Two made a "pit" sound that he has heard of the Traill's Flycatcher. However, he observes there should be no Empidonax Flycatchers at Bonny Reservoir in mid-summer. Two others were observed above the Reservoir on July 30, 1974.

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RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH SUMMER PLAINS RECORD: Doug Stotz reports one Red-breasted Nuthatch on July 29, 1974 on the North side of Bonny Reservoir in eastern Colorado. Doug reports that he finds no records of a Red-breasted Nuthatch on the plains during the summer in "Status and Migration Data of Birds of the Denver Area" for July and Birds of Colorado, Bailey and Niedrach, mention no summer plains records.

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ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK OBSERVED AT BONNY RESERVOIR: Doug Stotz reports observing on July 30, 1974 in the Hedgerow just east of Foster's Grove Campground at Bonny Reservoir State Recreation Area a female Rose-breasted Grosbeak feeding two recently fledged young. The young had some downy feathers sticking out still. The female was heavily streaked below without any trace of yellow. a male was observed in the hedgerow. On July 29, 1974 an adult male was observed along the Republican River below Hale.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 1974

SEPTEMBER 1, Sunday. No field trip scheduled, Labor Day Holidays.

7, Saturday. Red Rocks Park. ½ day. John and Joyce Cooper, Leaders. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 AM.

8, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM LUNCH

7 & 8, Saturday and Sunday. Third Annual CFO September field trips in the Pueblo area. See enclosed announcement for details. Meet at the Ramada Inn in Pueblo at 7:00 AM.

14, Saturday. FOURTH ANNUAL FALL COUNT IN THE BBHMP TRIANGLE. Five parties will census this area which includes Barr Lake Banner Lakes, Horsecreek Reservoir, Mile High Lakes and Prospect Reservoir. This is an important watershed for water birds. Contact leaders for information. Reports are to be sent to the editor for compilation. Contact leaders for meeting places and times.

1. Barr Lake. Sue Merrick, 355-7126
2. Banner Lake. Sophia Bogart, 893-2111 during day. Evenings call Christine Bonney 388-8542
3. Horsecreek Reservoir. Hugh Kingery, 333-0161
4. Mile High and Vaille Lakes, Plains. Harold Holt, 936-8845
5, Prospect Reservoir. Paul Julian. 499-9107

Bring lunch, energy snacks, lots of liquid and insect repellant.

15, Sunday. Blue River and Summit County. Hugh Kingery, Leader. Meet at 6th and Garrison at 7:00 AM or at the Old Dillon Inn at Silverthorne at 8:00 AM. LUNCH

21, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek and Morrison. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. LUNCH

22, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Kathryn Whipple, Leader. Meet at Cherry Creek Shopping Center(SE corner of Denver Dry) at 7:30 AM. Carpool then meet the Leader at the West gate of the Recreation Area at 8:00 AM.

28, Ken Caryl Ranch. Margo and Ward Chadwick, Leaders. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center. S. Logan and US 285 at 8:00 AM. LUNCH optional.

29, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 6:30 AM. LUNCH.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 24, 1974
"North of the Killdeer"
a slide talk
by
Bill and Sylvia Brockner

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

AUGUST 1974 FIELD TRIPS

AUGUST 3, Saturday. Lake Arbor to Rocky Mountain National Park: Horseshoe Meadows, Fall River Road, Trail Ridge, Moraine Park, Estes Park, Big Thompson Canyon, Chasteen's Grove, Lakes SW of Loveland. David Hutchinson, Leader. (52-60°, wind 0-12 variable direction, partly cloudy, 13 hours) Margo and Ward Chadwick, John and Joyce Cooper, Vi Hubka, Becky, Jeff and Karen Hutchinson, Hazel Kellogg, Bill Lybarger, Sadie Morrison, Don and Eloise Sletten, Robert Spencer, (89 Species)

4, Sunday. Grant to South Park and Return. Joe and Marian Borden, Leader. (7½ hours) Merle Barbour, John and Joyce Cooper, Susan Gregory, Hazel Kellogg, Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Pat Thorsberg (49 Species)

9, Friday. Waterton, Daniels Park. (Pleasant, 70°, 2½ hours) Merle Barbour, Nancy Hurley, Observers. (21 Species)

10, Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader.(Partly cloudy, cool, 7½ hours) Juanita Craig, Patty Echelmeyer, Jeff Godard, Dee Hudson, Hazel Kellogg, Dorothy and Leon Miller, Don and Eloise Sletten, Margaret Sykes, Michael Toepfer, Ruth Wheeler, (40 Species)

10, Saturday. Durango Area. Colorado Field Ornithologists Field Trip. (Sunny, clear, cool AM to warm PM. 10 hours) 12 Observers. (82 Species)

11, Sunday. Red Rocks and Bear Creek at Morrison. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Fair, hot, 4 hours) Peg benedict, Mary Blanpied. (28 Species)

17, Saturday. McClellan Reservoir, Sedalia, Plum Creek. Robert Reed, Leader. (Mostly clear, 65-90°, 7 hours) Edna Blackhurst, John and Joyce Cooper, Juanita Craig, Ruth Wheeler. (41 Species)

18, Sunday. Barr Lake, Mile High Duck Club, Prospect Reservoir, Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Jack Reddall, Leader. (Clear, 60-95°, wind, NE 4-7 mph. 10 hours) Bob Andrews, Jean Conried(California), John and Joyce Cooper, Beverly Hudson, Lillian and Randolph McDonough, Cicely Mellor, Bruce Webb(California) (86 Species)

21-22, Wednesday and Thursday. Prewitt Reservoir, Pawnee National Grassland. (Mostly warm, sunny) Bob Andrews, Observer. (103 Species)

24, Saturday. Pueblo to Ordway, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, Sugar City to Cheraw back to Rocky Ford, Dye Reservoir. Dave Griffiths, Leader. Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Bill Lybarger, Carolyn Simpson, Bob Spencer. (91 Species)

25, Sunday. Evergreen. Winston Wm. Brockner, Leader. (Clear, 40-80°) Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, Sylvia Brockner, Margo and Ward Chadwick, John and Joyce Cooper, Mary Cornelius, Vi Hubka, Mary Kronval, Lillian and Randolph McDonough, Alice Ulrich(Buffalo, N.Y.) (53 Species)

31, Saturday, Georgetown to Guanella Pass. Ray Olson, Leader. (Clear, 45-65°, 7½ hours) Betty Balsiger, Laurie Chappell, Cel Cusick, E. Ditmer, Warren Finch, Vi Hubka, Joe Roller, Robert Sargent, Ruth Wheeler. (25 Species)

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS, USING THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS AREA CHECKLIST OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHECKLIST, OR LIST IN AOU CHECKLIST ORDER, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER EACH TRIP TO DAVID HUTCHINSON, 9141 STUART ST., WESTMINSTER, COLORADO 80030. PHONE: 428-3922. PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR IF A FIELD TRIP IS CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON. DEADLINE IS THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH. REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	3 PLNS	3 CG FOOT	3 RMNP MTNS	4 SP MTNS	9 WDP	10 PNG PLNS	10 DUR	11 RRP FOOT	17 MSPC	18 BMPA PLNS	21-22 PRPNG PLNS	24 PUEB	25 EVER MTNS	31 GUAN MTNS
Species														
Western Grebe										180	52	103		
Pied-billed Grebe	2			5		2			2	8	1	22		1
White Pelican										360	21	3		
Double-crested Cormorant										22	4			
Great Blue Heron	2	2							1	80	48	46		
Green Heron											1	3		
Common Egret										1				
Snowy Egret					1 Barr Lake 8/10 JR					2	1	1		
Black-crowned Night Heron		2 CCG All month JPR								16	7	5 Banner L 8/18 HJPR		
American Bittern									1 Banner Lakes 8/30 RA					
White-faced Ibis									1 Latham Reservoir 8/30 RA					
Canada Goose	2					1					92			
Mallard	5		20				x		18	325	38	15	12	
Gadwall										2	15	6		
Pintail							x			2	54	25		
Green-winged Teal										2	233	5		
Blue-winged Teal							x			8	252	21		
Cinnamon Teal					1 Banner Lakes 8/18 HJPR					1	3			
American Widgeon										1	1			
Shoveler												11		
Wood Duck									1 McClellan Reservoir 8/27 RA					
Redhead						1				1	1	4		
Ruddy Duck		1 Banner Lakes 8/18 HJPR					x			3		8		
Turkey Vulture							x	6				3	2	
Mississippi Kite	1 Bear Creek at Kipling 8/31 JJC FIRST DENVER AREA RECORD *													
Goshawk			1											
Sharp-shinned Hawk									2 GSDNM 8/31 DH					
Cooper's Hawk	1 Elbert 8/4-7 DH													
Red-tailed Hawk				1		2	X		1	3		1	1	1
Swainson's Hawk	1		1			5				5	13	6		
Ferruginous Hawk	1 Northglenn 8/16 DH					2				1				
Buteo, Sp.											1			
Golden Eagle				1										
Marsh Hawk						4			1	3	5	2		1
Prairie Falcon					1 Chasteen's Grove 8/27 DH						1			
Sparrow Hawk	4				2	5	x	5	5	4	35	34	1	
Blue Grouse				1 RMNP 8/17-18 HK				4 RMNP 8/24 DH						
White-tailed Ptarmigan			4a15i											
Bobwhite												1		
Scaled Quail												9		
Ring-necked Pheasant	2													
Chukar										1				
Virginia Rail		1a2i Barr Lake 8/10 JR								3	1 Waterton 8/24 JC			
Sora		4 Barr Lake 8/10 JR			1 Banner L 8/30 RA					1	1			
American Coot				10		2	x			335	38	213		
Semipalmated Plover										(6				
Killdeer	3			3		3	x		2	121	335	51	1	
Mountain Plover											1			
Black-bellied Plover						3				(1				
Common Snipe										1	4			
Long-billed Curlew											3	1 CCRA 8/27 RA		
Spotted Sandpiper	2		2						1	2	6	1	1	
Solitary Sandpiper										7	7	1	3	
Willet										1	2			
Greater Yellowlegs						6 4 Prospect Res. 8/24JR					4	14		
Lesser Yellowlegs										77	50	12		
Pectoral Sandpiper											1	2		
Baird's Sandpiper										14	410	3		
Least Sandpiper										13	27	4		
Long-billed Dowitcher											89	29		
Stilt Sandpiper										1	16	54		
Semipalmated Sandpiper											3	6		
Western Sandpiper							x			4	2	73		
Marbled Godwit										(4	3			
American Avocet	1					4				20	41	62		
Black-necked Stilt												8		
Wilson's Phalarope							x			35	4	130		
Northern Phalarope											1	12		
Gull, Sp.									2					
California Gull										43	46			
Ring-billed Gull	7						x			205	395	41		
Franklin's Gull	13									255	873	1250		
Forster's Tern											13	5		
Black Tern						4				6	24	21		

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AUGUST	3	3	3	4	9	10	10	11	17	18	21-22	24	25	31
AREA		CG	RMNP	SP	WDP	PNG	DUR	RRP	MSPC	BMPA	PRPNG	PUEB	EVER	GUAN
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS		PLNS		FOOT		PLNS	PLNS		MTNS	MTNS
Species														
Band-tailed Pigeon	5 Sedalia 8/8 JC						x	7 GSDNM 8/31 DH						
Rock Dove	7	3	13				x	40	2	164		150		
Mourning Dove	22	4	18	1	5	100	x	6	28	204	725	226	4	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo												2		
Great Horned Owl											3			
Burrowing Owl						2				18	8	3		
Poor-will								3 GSDNM 8/31 DH						
Common Nighthawk 8-10 CCG All month JPR						4	x				4	44		
Chimney Swift								5 Denver 8/28 HK						
White-throated Swift								2 7 Chasteen's Grove 8/26-27 DH						
Black-chinned Hummingbird							x					1		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		6	7	30	1		x	3 1 Westminster 8/25-29 DH					4	
Rufous Hummingbird			2	2			x					3	4	
(154) Calliope Hummingbird												1		
Belted Kingfisher			1	2 CCG All month JPR				1			3			
Red-shafted Flicker	3	1	3	1	1	2	x	5	3	5	15		4	
Red-headed Woodpecker										5	23	13		
Lewis' Woodpecker							x	1	2			12		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			5	5			x							
Williamson's Sapsucker			9				x							
Hairy Woodpecker			5	1			x						3	
Downy Woodpecker		2		1						3	5	1	1	
Northern-Three-toed Woodpecker	4 Georgia Pass 8/5 CH,FH,KH							1 Poudre Pass 8/4-5 JR						
Eastern Kingbird	7				2	7				12	47	7	1	
Western Kingbird	13		2		1	15	x		13	131	132	78	1	
Cassin's Kingbird									2 GSDNM 8/31 DH					
Say's Phoebe						6	x	2			5			
Empidonax, Sp.			1								2	1		
Hammond's Flycatcher													1	
Dusky Flycatcher								1 Ruedi Reservoir, Pitkin County 8/27 JR						
Gray Flycatcher							x		1 GSDNM 8/31 DH					
Western Flycatcher				5										
Western Wood Pewee		4	26	10	5	3	x	2	3	3	7		1	
Olive-sided Flycatcher			4	7	2 Genessee		X 8/14 JC			2 Muir Springs 8/24 JR				
Horned Lark	2		4		3	100	x			24	788	47		
Violet-green Swallow			206	12			x					4	4	
Tree Swallow			443				x			1	1			
Bank Swallow up to 10 CCG All month JPR			13							3		16	9	
Rough-winged Swallow							x			1	4	1	11	
Barn Swallow	132	18	18	15		30	x		18	146	189	66	4	
Cliff Swallow				35		6	x	8	32	40	14	2		
Gray Jay Few Summit Co. All month HK			1 2 Poudre Pass 8/4-5 JPR							5 Long's Peak 8/24 DH				
Blue Jay 6-8 CCG All Month JPR									6		8	3		
Steller's Jay		25	25				x						10	4
Scrub Jay 1 Aurora 8/14 MOS							x	4	1	1 S. Denver 8/19 CH			1	
Black-billed Magpie	62	12	39	25	4	5	x	5	2	44	27	39		
Common Raven			10	15			x							1
White-necked Raven												2		
Common Crow				6			x				11	1	2	
Pinon Jay							x	61 GSDNM 8/31 DH						
Clark's Nutcracker			33				x	8 RMNP 8/18 HK						
Black-capped Chickadee		7	3		1			2	2	2	3	2	1	
Mountain Chickadee			13	10			x						5	16
Plain Titmouse								7 GSDNM 8/31 DH						
Common Bushtit								2 GSDNM 8/31 DH						
White-breasted Nuthatch			3				x							
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1								1 1 Prewitt Res 8/24 JR			
Pygmy Nuthatch			21				x						4	5
Brown Creeper							x							2
Dipper			1 1 Poudre Pass 8/4-5 JPR					1 Chasteen's Grove 8/27 DH						3
House Wren			15	1	6	1	x	1	1	1	10	7		2
Long-billed Marsh Wren								1 Banner Lakes 8/30 RA						
Canon Wren								5						
Rock Wren			1								1			
Mockingbird						4					7	7		
Catbird		4						1						
Brown Thrasher						1					3	2		
Sage Thrasher			91						4	3	2	4 Waterton 8/27 RA		
Robin	17	7	12	25	3	4	x	27	2	2	23	4	4	
Hermit Thrush 5 Summit Co 8/3 HK				1			x	1 RMNP 8/18 HK		5 Holy Cross Wild 8/24 HK				
Swainson's Thrush			3					3 Long's Peak 8/25 DH						
Western Bluebird							x					10		
Mountain Bluebird			4	50	8		x					4		
Townsend's Solitaire			3	1	8 RMNP 8/18 HK							1		

AUGUST	3	3	3	4	9	10	10	11	17	18	21-22	24	25	31
AREA		CG	RMNP	SP	WDP	PNG	DUR	RRP	MSPC	BMPA	PRPNG	PUEB	EVER	GUAN
HABITAT	PLNS	FOOT	MTNS	MTNS		PLNS		FOOT		PLNS	PLNS		MTNS	MTNS
SPECIES														
(153) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher							X		6 GSDNM 8/31 DH					
Golden-crowned Kinglet			6	10 Mt Evans 8/11HK			x	30 Holy Cross Wild 8/24 HK						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2				x							12
Water Pipit			31				x	27 RMNP 8/18 HK						9
Cedar Waxwing	5 Chasteen's Grove 8/27, 23 8/28 DH						1 Bear Creek at Kipling 8/30 RA							
Loggerhead Shrike					1	13	x		14	4	24	22		
Starling	332	15	3		3	4	x		10	79	350	87		
Gray's Vireo							x							
Solitary Vireo	1 Wheatridge 8/3, 20, 27 PE						1 Franktown 8/26 MOS							
Red-eyed Vireo			2		1 Chasteen's Grove 8/27 DH		1 Wheatridge 8/25-27 PE							
Warbling Vireo			5				x							
Tennessee Warbler										(1 Waterton 8/24 JC				
(150) Orange-crowned Warbler							(1 Wheatridge 8/22 PE 2 Banner L 8/30 RA							
Virginia's Warbler		1		1			x	6	1 Wheatridge 8/23-30 PE 1					
Yellow Warbler		3	1		2			6		2	1			
Audubon's Warbler			5	4			x							
Black-throated Gray Warbler							x 1 CCRA 8/27 RA EARLY RECORD							
Townsend's Warbler	@ South Park 8/18 CH 1 Squaw Pass 8/18, 25, 26 PE 5 Holy Cross Wild 8/24 HK													
Ovenbird					1 Prewitt Reservoir 8/26 JR (1 Aurora 8/31 MOS									
MacGillivray's Warbler	(Several Wheatridge 8/23 PE						x 1 SE Denver 8/24 RA						1	
(145) Yellowthroat										1	2			
Yellow-breasted Chat								2						
Wilson's Warbler			1	2			x					6	1	3
American Redstart	2 Chasteen's Grove 8/26 DH 1 CCRA 8/27 RA						1 Banner Lakes 8/30 RA							
House Sparrow	126	19	7	1		10	x		25	236	802	195	1	3
Western Meadowlark	52	12	1	1	5	40	x	1	13	16	86	33	1	
Yellow-headed Blackbird						50 Banner Lakes 8/18HJPR2				117		2		
Red-winged Blackbird	65	6		51		6	x		45	12	37	78		
Baltimore Oriole										1 Banner Lakes 8/30 RA				
Bullock's Oriole		8	2					1		9	3	1		
Brewer's Blackbird	17		13	50			x			1	1	1	16	
Boat-tailed Grackle	1 Rocky Mountain National Park 8/17 JR, HW, WF * THIRD STATE RECORD													
Common Grackle	18	2	5	1						3	63	23		
Brown-headed Cowbird	15	7	6				x		60	1	1	5		
Western Tanager			4	1			x	1	3 CCRA 8/27 RA					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 Wheatridge 8/25 2 Prewitt Reservoir 8/27 JR 1 Aurora 8/30 MOS													
Black-headed Grosbeak			3			1	x	9		1	1			
Blue Grosbeak	2 CCRA 8/10 JC											4		
Lazuli Bunting		2						2					2	
Evening Grosbeak			1				x						6	
Cassin's Finch			6				10 Long's Peak 8/25 DH							
House Finch	5	12					x	10	2	13	3	35	4	
Pine Grosbeak			2	15 William's Fork Wild 8/4 HK			9 Poudre Pass 8/4-5 JPR							
Brown-capped Rosy Finch			5	2 RMNP 8/18 HK			6 Long's Peak 8/25 DH							
Pine Siskin			28	25			x		5				110	2
American Goldfinch		12			9				1		6	6		
(144) Lesser Goldfinch		26					x	4	116			1	4	
Red Crossbill	1 Genessee 8/3 PE			1 RMNP 8/18 HK									7	
Green-tailed Towhee			15										1	
Rufous-sided Towhee		3			2	2		20				2		
Brown Towhee										2 GSDNM 8/31 DH				
Lark Bunting				1	25	300			290	447	709	77		
Savannah Sparrow			3	3	1 Poudre Pass 8/4-5 JPR				1					
Grasshopper Sparrow				1										
Vesper Sparrow	4		1	4	8				12		23	1	1	
Lark Sparrow	8			1		8	x		18	139	28	9	7	
Gray-headed Junco			2	20			x						7	8
Spizella, Sp.											61			
Chipping Sparrow			5			1	x	10	32	18	12		42	
Clay-colored Sparrow											1	1	1	
Brewers Sparrow	1 SE Denver 8/14 RA 2 CCG 8/25 JPR								2	7	15	6	1	
White-crowned Sparrow			14	5			x			1				42
Lincoln's Sparrow			3	1			x						1	
Song Sparrow			2	1							2		4	4
McCown's Longspur						2					2			
Chestnut-Collared Longspur											16			
TOTAL SPECIES 209	32	27	66	49	21	40	81	28	42	86	103	91	53	25

* Pending acceptance of CFO Official Records Committee

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RMNP - Rocky Mountain National Park
GSDNM - Great Sand Dunes National Monument
CCRA - Cherry Creek State Recreation Area
CCG - Clear Creek GReenbelt

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INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: All individual contributions should arrive on or before the 5th of the month to be included in the current bulletin. If you or a friend(s) go on a field trip, send in a report and I'll use them as space permits. Keep the individual reports coming in as often some rather common birds are not observed on the regularly scheduled field trips. We would like to have our report of observations as complete as possible.

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REPORTING OF VERY RARE, CASUAL, ACCIDENTAL AND SEASONALLY UNUSUAL BIRDS: When reporting any of these species, give as many details as possible. List field marks, behavior, habitat, observers, conditions of observation. It is necessary to have these types of observations documented so that accurate reporting of species results. Often observations are used for research and the better the documentation the more reliable the records.

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RARE BIRD ALERT: ATTENTION! Want to be on(or off) our Rare Bird Alert List? Call Mildred Snyder, 366-7610 or Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4847. Don't forget to notify your rare bird alert caller if you are going to be out of town.

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CORRECTION: In the list of Individual Contributors it should have read Jack Reddall rather than Jack Rechel in the August issue.

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BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER OBSERVED AT CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR: Bob Andrews reports that he observed the following field marks: forehead, cap, back, rump, tail gray with darker streaks in back and two white wingbars; eyebrow line white, auricular patch gray, underparts white with gray streaks on sides and a gray patch on the side of the neck. Underside of tail largely white. Yellow lore spot. The bird was seen for about 10 minutes at a minimum distance of 15 feet with the sun shining on the bird.

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WESTERN WOOD PEWEES: Because Western Wood Pewees completely disappeared from the Chatfield Dam cottomwood grove, Hugh Kingery asked local observers to report on its status for their localities, Eight locations in Colorado had normal populations (Franktown, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado Springs, Loveland, Tabernash, Hahn's Peak, country west of Ft. Collins) Four Ponderosa Pine locales had noticeable increases: Elbert, Jefferson, Evergreen and Franktown. Three mountain and three plains locations reported decided decreases: Bailey, Eldora and Summit County; and Boulder Denver and Pueblo. DFO field trips this year found 31 birds on 19 possible trips; last year there were reports of 31 birds on 11 trips.

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MISSISSIPPI KITE OBSERVED ALONG BEAR CREEK: John and Joyce Cooper report seing a Mississippi Kite August 31, 1974 along Bear Creek near Kipling Street. The Kite was first seen about 8:00 AM in flight above the creek about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to their west. Through 10x50 binoculars the bird appeared slender-winged, nondescript gray with streaked underparts and conspicuous white head. It was distinctly but not much larger than a Sparrow Hawk which dive-bombed it a few times. They watched the Kite off and on for more than an hour, during which time it flew closer to them and occupied four different perches, on each of which it was bedeviled by Magpies. The Magpies were considerably longer but slightly smaller bodied than the Kite. One of the perches was on a dead limb only 40 or 50 yards away in bright sunlight coming about 90 degrees from their line of sight. Details observed on this perch were with their 25x50 telexcope and include: Head white with short black line through eye, faint gray ear patch and dark speckles on crown. Bill blue-gray, hooked, probably smaller in proportion to the size of the bird than in most hawks. Eyes(iris) brown. Back and closed wings dark gray mottled with white. Tail black, without bars, almost square tipped, evidently recently molted as feathers were of unequal length. Breast and belly white with brown(not gray) streaks. The size and field marks indicated to the Coopers that the bird was an immature Mississippi Kite passing into mature plumage(tail most evident transitional feature) Their previous experience with this species is the sighting of a mature bird which they saw well in New Mexico. The Bear Creek sighting, the first reported in the Denver area, together with other recent sightings in Colorado support the view that this species is increasing and expanding iths range in the United States.

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BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE OBSERVED IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK: Jack Reddall reports that he, Howard Wignall and William Fick identified a Boat-tailed Grackle, Cassidex mexicanus August 17, 1974 at 11;30-11:50 AM MDT on Tombstone Ridge along the Ute Trail at an altitude of 11,970, Rocky Mountain National Park near Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. The bird was observed with Bushnell 10x50 binoculars. Photographs were taken with a Nikon F2 with 500 mm lens taken at f/8 at 250th of a second. The light conditions were bright, clear with the light coming from right angle to the observers. The bird was an estimated 50-100 feet from the observers.
One adult female was observed. While walking along the Ute Indian Trail approximately two miles from Trail Ridge Road searching for White-tailed Ptarmigan, Howard Wignall called Jack's attentio n to a medium sized bird that was walking over the tundra, Jack approached to within about fifty feet of the bird and was astonished to find a female Boat-tailed Grackle at almost 12,000 feet elevation. Howard reported it was the same bird that he had seen on August 11 at nearly the same spot and which he had attempted to describe earlier. Bill fick obtained eight colored photographs of the bird as they continued to observe it. The habitat consisted of alpine tundra. The bird was feeding on small insects that were not perceptible to the naked eye. It would run between the lichen covered rocks in search of its food, occasionaly coming to rest upon a rock or boulder or the bare tundra itself. At other times it would walk along, pausing now and then as if in search of food or just resting. Periodically, it would flick its tail and give an occasional nod of its head. The bird appearde quite unconcerned about their presence and only took flight after repeated attempts to get closer to it. An obvious grackle due to shape and general contour. Overall color a fairly pale browninsh except for the rather long and large tail which was very dark by contrast to the rest of the body (an almost iridescence). Bill, steel gray in color, large (at least as long as the head), conical and very accute. Top of head, nape, back and wings generally a uniform brown color. Underparts a much paler brown by contrast to upper parts. Throat was noticeably whitish. Conspicuous light stripe over eye extending from upper mandible to the lower crown. Lores and auriculars darker brown. Malar region very light with strong hint of chin stripe. Legs and feet were grayish. Eye brown. Length approximately 12-13 inches. Jack's overall general impression of the plumage of this bird was that the upper parts were a sepia brown on the head and back shading into a more sooty brown on the wings and lower back with a very dark tail. The Under parts were very light brown. Jack is very familiar with and has seen all Norht American Blackbirds. Seen the Boat-tailed Grackle over the years from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Texas and Arizona. Other similarly appearing species were eliminated by the Female Boat-tailed Grackle being much browner than female Common Grackle and having a much paler breast. Female Common Grackle is generally a dull iridescent overall

resembling the male somewhat. Female Brewer's Blackbird is much smaller and grayish. Female Rusty Blackbird also much smaller and also grayish but much darker gray than the Brewer's Blackbird. Female Brown-headed Cowbird is smaller still and very gray.

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OCTOBER 1974 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 5, Saturday. Lakes North and West of Denver. Robert Spencer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. LUNCH

6, Sunday. Castlewood Dam and Elizabeth Area. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center, South Logan and U.S. 285. at 7:30 AM. LUNCH

12, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. LUNCH

13, Sunday. Red Rocks Area. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM ½ day trip. Don Thatcher, Leader.

19, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25 th and Sheridan at 8:30 AM. LUNCH 388-1488

20, Sunday. Barr Lake and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:30 AM. LUNCH

26, Saturday. Boulder Area. Paul Julian, Leader. Meet at Platte Junior High School, Baseline and Cherryvale Rds. at 8:00 AM. LUNCH

27, Sunday. Prewitt Reservoir and Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. LUNCH

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 22, 1974
"A Bird Profile"
by
Vernon Tomppert
an Associate of the Photographic Society of America

7:30 PM Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

SEPTEMBER 1974 FIELD TRIPS

SEPTEMBER 7, Saturday. Red Rocks Park. John and Joyce Cooper, Leaders. (Clear, warm, 4 hours) Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler. (28 Species)

7-8, Saturday and Sunday. CFO TRIP. Pueblo Area: Westcliffe, Canon City, Ordway, Cheraw, LaJunta, Burnt Mill Road, (Warm, sunny. 26 hours.) Bob Andrews, Roberta Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Martha Bildstein, Sophia Bogart, Bruce Bosley, Charles and Christine Campbell, Lori Chappell, Ed Curry, Hollin and Narca A. DeWoskin, Eugene and Robbie Elliott, H. Fischer, Bill Freeman, David Galinat, Nancy Greenleaf, David Griffiths, Sidney Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Haruko Ishiyama, Susan Kerber, Hugh and Urling Kingery, David Laliberte, Berneice and Paul Merry, Libby Mills, Ray Olson, Stan Oswald, Jack Reddall, Carolyn Simpson, Bob Spencer, Max and Warren Stricker, Helen Thurlow, Lois Webster. (161 Species)

8, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Fair, moderate. 7-3/4 hours) Fran Campbell, Harold and LaVona Holt, Jim Lane, Jack Reddall, Ralph Sargent. (70 Species)

14, Saturday. FOURTH ANNUAL FALL COUNT. (Clear, warm to partly cloudy, wind 0-5 mph)

Banner Lakes. Sophia Bogart, Leader. Christine Bonney. (44 Species)

Barr Lake, Arsenal. Sue Merrick, Leader. Bob Andrews, Steve Larson, Bill Lybarger, Jack Reddall, Judy Ward, Andy Wilbur. (103 Species)

Horse Creek Reservoir. Hugh Kingery, Leader. David and Jeff Hutchinson, Eric Johnson, Urling Kingery, Thompson Marsh, Scott O'Keeffe, Joe Roller. (84 Species)

MileHigh Lakes, Vaille Reservoir. Harold and LaVona Holt, Leaders. John and Joyce Cooper, Ralph Sargent, Mary Jane Schock. (64 Species)

Prospect Reservoir. Paul Julian, Leader. Merle Barbour, Henry and Vi Bossman. (73 Species) (138 Species Total)

15, Sunday. Summit County. Hugh Kingery, Leader. (Cloudy, rain. 3½ hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Hazel Kellogg, Elinor and Urling Kingery, Paul and Bea Merry. (40 Species)

21, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek to Morrison, Willow Creek Ranch and Lakes of Area. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Cool, Cloudy; warm and sunny after 2:00 PM. 8½ hours) Barbara Jubrias. (42 Species)

21-22, Saturday and Sunday. Pueblo, Olsen Road Catalpa Grove, Dye Reservoir, Cheraw, Lake Meredith, Lake Henry and Timber Lake. (Partly cloudy to clear, 45-75°. 9 hours) (128 Species) Red Creek Road, Burnt Mill Road, C.F.I. Lakes, Pueblo. (Clear, 45-60°. 4 hours) (93 Species) (151 Species) David Griffiths, Steve Larson, Carolyn Simpson, Observers.

22, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Kathryn Whipple, Leader. (Clear, warm, sunny 4½ hours) Sue Bolan, Ward Chadwick, Warren Finch, Brian McCarthy, Cecily Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Joe Roller, Ken Whipple. (31 Species)

28, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Margo and Ward Chadwick, Leaders. (Sunny, mild. 6 hours. Martha Chestem (Maryland), F. G. And Jeanne Hughes, Vi Hubka, Barbara Jubrias, Eric Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (33 Species)

29, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoir.(Warm, 70°, 5 hours) Ray Olson and Lori Chappell. (60 Species)

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Totals

SEPTEMBER	7	7-8	8		FOURTH	ANNUAL		FALL COUNT 9/14				15	21	21-22	22	28	29
AREA	RRP	PUE	PNG	BAN	BAR	HCR	MHV	PRS	1974	1973	1972	1971	SUM	LBC	PUE	CCR	KCR	PJR
HABITAT		FOO		PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	MTN			PLN	FOO	PLN
SPECIES																		
Common Loon										1								
(4) Red-necked Grebe	1 San Luis Lakes 9/2 DH (*)										3							
Horned Grebe			2					1	1	2	8	1						
Eared Grebe		6			5				5	6	18	7			8			
Western Grebe		54			47	85		5	137	149	74	79			65			
Pied-billed Grebe		16	8	3	2		12	8	25	31	49	23		4	12	3		6
White Pelican										1	28				20			280
Double-crested Cormorant					1	2		6	9	119	8	54						40
Great Blue Heron		49	2	1	13	8	14	8	44	83	48	59			2	1		7
Green Heron	1 Boulder 9/3 SL																	
(9) Cattle Egret											2							
Common Egret	1 Henry's Lake 9/3 JC									1								
Snowy Egret		2								45	5	10			4			
Black-crowned Night Heron		4					27		27	120	20	33						
American Bittern	1 Latham Reservoir 9/8 JR								1 Dye Reservoir 9/14 DAG									
White-faced Ibis		2													1			
Canada Goose						30			30,	77	31	26		46	4			
Snow Goose									3 Dye Reservoir 9/15 SB									
Mallard		8	6	221	206	845	842	150	2058	2466	11260	2191		12	45	8	8	60
Ducks, Sp.						500		600	1100									
Gadwall		10			20	7	47		74	97	54	263		8	75			15
Pintail		90	2	3	100	2	76	20	201	243	1250	432		4	76			4
Teal, Sp.			1															
Green-winged Teal		148			210	58	87		355	193	140	245		1	162			22
Blue-winged Teal		21	6	5	40	8	72	150	274	387	280	561		25	130	150	6	
Cinnamon Teal	1 Dye Reservoir 9/8 SB																	
American Wigeon		11	1	27	16	17	8	7	75	343	406	504		8	95			4
Shoveler		20			50		14	15	84	86	65	358		1	250			15
Wood Duck	1 Pueblo City Park All month DAG										1 16 McClellan Reservoir 9/28 BA							
Redhead		2				20	9	2	31	4	13	12			8			2
Ring-necked Duck	1 Marston 9/1 BA														18			
Canvasback	1 Dye Reservoir 9/1-7 DAG									1 Marston 9/21 BA								
Lesser Scaup			1							2 Marston 9/21 BA								
Ruddy Duck		190			3			5	8	113	309	492			375	24		40
Turkey Vulture		12		1	5				6		1	1			15			
Sharp-shinned Hawk		4			1				1	1	1	1			14			
Cooper's Hawk 1 RRP 9/5 JC		1		3 Bonny Reservoir 9/11 BA					1									
Red-tailed Hawk		8	1		3	8		2	13	5	15	5	1	2	5		1	1
Broad-winged Hawk				1 Prewitt 9/12 BA														
Swainson's Hawk		9	5	1	2	121	5	1	130	19	8	17			5		1	1
Ferruginous Hawk		3	1		2				2	2	3	2			1		2	
Golden Eagle	1	5	1		1 Waterton 9/21 BA				1	1 Boulder 9/26 SL							1	
Bald Eagle	1 Prewitt Reservoir 9/12 BA																	
Marsh Hawk		12	3	1	5	8	2	5	21	19	8	20		1	26	3	1	2
Osprey	2 Arkansas River 9/22 DAG, CS								1 Boulder 9/24 SL									
Prairie Falcon		3			1				1	2	2	1						
(29) Peregrine Falcon	1 adult Lake Isabel 9/7 DB								1 immature Dye Reservoir 9/14,15 DAG, SB									
Pigeon Hawk															1			
Sparrow Hawk		89	7	2	11	21	3	35	72	71	51	24	1	2	80		1	
Bobwhite											1							
Scaled Quail		50													50			
Ring-necked Pheasant					2			2	4	5	26	15			1			2
Chukar					2				2									
Sandhill Crane					2				2	3	2	9						
Virginia Rail		2						1	1	4	2				2			
Sora (158)		3					3	1	4	3	7	1			3			
American Coot		420		37	61	6	39	50	192	866	899	772		25	250	50		
Semipalmated Plover		8			8		1	9			5	3			4	1 CCRA 9/28 BA		
(36) Piping Plover									1 Jackson Reservoir 9/29 JR *						1*			
Snowy Plover		1																
Killdeer		197	1	4	52	241	26	80	403	219	635	468		4	45	2		16
Mountain Plover															50			
(37) American Golden Plover		1			1				1 2 Jackson Res 1 9/21 JR						1			
Black-bellied Plover				5 Jackson Reservoir 9/29 JR					2		11				4			
Common Snipe						1	8	6	15	72	32	7			1			
Spotted Sandpiper		9			3	1	1	2	7	5	10	2			1			
Solitary Sandpiper		2			1				1	5	1	2			1			
Willet												1						
Greater Yellowlegs		38	6	6	38		3	1	48	4	19	1			7			
Lesser Yellowlegs		116		1	31	13	32	60	137	113	339	12				1		2
(41) Knot									1 1 Jackson Reservoir 9/29 JR *									
Pectoral Sandpiper		6			12	2		2	16	9	63	8			6			
(55) White-rumped Sandpiper										1					5			10
Baird's Sandpiper		369			145	68	45	12	270	90	551	306			100			
Least Sandpiper		262			16	1	8	3	88	28	77	16			50			

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SPECIES																		
Long-billed Dowitcher		250			12			26	38	28	19	1			200			15
Stilt Sandpiper		500			118	32	1		151	20	145	13			150			
Semipalmated Sandpiper		44			3	10			13	10	9	32			10			
Western Sandpiper		99			3	56	2		61	1	28	31			50			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (44)			2 CCRA 9/6 BA *															
Marbled Godwit					1				1	2	1				2			
Sanderling 1 Barr Lake 9/2 JR					2	3			5	9	1	3	6	Jackson 4 Res. 9/29 JR				
American Avocet		59	30		18	3	13	24	58	33	70	92			100			6
Wilson's Phalarope		64	30		12		1	6	19	3	20	3			20			
Northern Phalarope		4	4		10			4	14	3	58	30			9			
California Gull		2			11		1		12	58	14	37			5			
Ring-billed Gull		33		1	31	85	22	120	259	142	164	586		3	50	30		75
Franklin's Gull	10,306				18	5	78		101	1135	526	1934			21,500	43		25
Bonaparte's Gull		1													1			
Forster's Tern		2	2							2					6			
Black Tern 2 Barr L 9/2 JR		57				8		1	9		5	34						
Band-tailed Pigeon		1																
Rock Dove	30	168		5	1	2			8	33	65	37			112			6
Mourning Dove	7	296	30	6	41	234	41	75	407	577	415	451		4	575	25		1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		2																
Roadrunner (147)		1													1			
Great Horned Owl		4		1		2	1		4	8	12	10			3			
Burrowing Owl		3	11		1				1		44	8			4	2	2	
Poorwill								1	1	2	Parker 9/26 HK							
Common Nighthawk		58			1	1	Denver 9/17HK		1		1	10			4			
Chimney Swift															8			
White-throated Swift		4																
Hummingbird,Sp.		3								1	1							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		5	1 Pine Junction 9/2 DH		1 Aurora 9/5 MOS													
Rufous Hummingbird	1 Pine Junction 9/2 DH																	
Black-chinned Hummingbird		1																
Belted Kingfisher		6		1	2		1	1	5	6	3	5		3	4			1
Red-shafted Flicker	1	19	5	1	18	2	11	3	35	24	50	28	4	3	30		2	7
Redheaded Woodpecker		6				1	Waterton 9/22 BA,JR					1			2			
Lewis" Woodpecker		4									1				6			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						1			1		2	2	Waterton 9/21					
Williamson's Sapsucker															2			
Hairy Woodpecker		4			2				2		1	3						1
Downy Woodpecker	1	6		1	5	7	2		15	4	15	19			4			4
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		2													2			
Eastern Kingbird		12	1	1 Bonny Res 9/10 BA						1	1	2						
Western Kingbird		57	4		2	2			4	5	1	32			5			
Cassin's Kingbird		4	1	2 Prewitt Res. 9/12							1	3	1	Waterton 9/21 BA				
Great Crested Flycatcher (86)		2		1 Lakewood 9/1-2 JJC *														
Say's Phoebe		16	2	3	1	5		1	10	4					22	1		
Empidonax, Sp.		8			5	9			14	4			1		4			
Traill's Flycatcher			1								4	15						
Western Flycatcher			1		1			1	2			1	1					
Western Wood Pewee		16		3		4	1	2	10	2	12	45	3	1	Waterton 9/21 BA			
Olive-sided Flycatcher		2			1 Bonny Reservoir 9/11 BA													
Horned Lark		390	100	3	72	96			168	54	92	135						
Violet-green Swallow 12 GSDNM 9/1					7 Pine Junction 9/2 DH						1							
Tree Swallow										8	1	2	12					
Bank Swallow		2	2					1	1		13				2			
Rough-winged Swallow		8													5			
Barn Swallow	6	1384	30	10	61	26	285	300	682	592	512	364	1	6	400	16		24
Cliff Swallow			6				2		2	1		1			21			2
Gray Jay 2 Pine Junction 9/2 DH															2			
Blue Jay1-3 SW Denver All mo 8DH		1			1				1	1	1	2			3			1
Steller's Jay		2											3		1		2	
Scrub Jay	7	9												1	30		5	
Black-billed Magpie	6	112	6	5	101	53	19	4	178	211	174	220	8	10	90	15	15	12
Common Raven 2 GSDNM 9/1 DH		1													2		2	
White-necked Raven		2													7			
Common Crow		6				6			6	1		3			3			
Pinon Jay		2	29 GSDNM 9/1, 12 9/2 DH								3				75			
Clark's Nutcracker		20	1 Kenosha Pass 9/2 DH															
Black-capped Chickadee		10			22	21	2		45	23	41	51	4	3	14			8
Mountain Chickadee		4									1		10					
Plain Titmouse		3	8 GSDNM 9/1, 2 9/2 DH												8			
Common Bushtit		15	1 GSDNM 9/1 DH															
White-breasted Nuthatch					1				1		2	1	1	Elbert 9/29 DH				
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	2 Pueblo 9/28 CS					2	2	7	16	5	2	Elbert 9/29 DH				
Pygmy Nuthatch		10										13	Elbert 9/29 DH					
Brown Creeper											4	1	1					
Dipper 4 Lake Isabel 9/11 NE												2	1	Waterton 9/22 BA				
House Wren		4	2	2	11	13	1	2	29	9	21	21	3		3			2

Totals

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SPECIES																		
Bewick's Wren								4 Pueblo 9/17 CS							2			
(85) Carolina Wren	1 Lakewood 9/1,6,11 JC *												1 Boulder 9/27-30 SL *					
Long-billed Marsh Wren									1									
Canon Wren															1			
Rock Wren		8	2	3		14		3	20	5	25	43			15	1		1
Mockingbird		1									2	2			1			
Catbird	3		1	1	Prewitt Res. 9/21 JR				1	Waterton 9/22 JR			1		2			
Brown Thrasher		14	1		1	1	2		4	6	2	2	1	Prewitt Res 9/21 JR				
Curve-billed Thrasher		4													1			
Sage Thrasher		42	1		5	2			7	2	3	3			36			
Robin	23	47	1	5	2	13	3	16	39	39	60	19	18		35	6		1
Hermit Thrush					2				2		6		2	1 Pueble 9/16 CG				
Swainson's Thrush		2	1		2	2	1	2	7		1	3	Prewitt Res	2 9/21 JR				
(90) Gray-cheeked Thrush											1							
Veery											1							
Bluebird, Sp.					1				1									
Eastern Bluebird				7 Bonny Reservoir 9/11 BA														
Western Bluebird		1													1			
Mountain Bluebird		21								8 Elizabeth 9/28 DH					80		67	
Townsend's Solitaire		2	2				1		1	5	9		1		12		2	
(153) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2			1		1											
Golden-crowned Kinglet											7	2	4					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2		2			1	3	2	35	3	27	1				9
Water Pipit		3			4	1		18	23	1	6	2			20			
Cedar Waxwing	7 GSDNM 9/1 DH			78 Prewitt Reservoir 9/21 JR							30				3			
Northern Shrike													1 Boulder 9/16 SL					
Loggerhead Shrike		10	5			5			5	4								
Starling	4	305	2	10	79	35	535	500	1179	750	1284	3460		22	1100	8	15	
Gray Vireo	1 GSDNM 9/1 DH																	
Solitary Vireo		2				1			1		5	2	1 Aurora 9/30 MOS				1	
(93) White-eyed Vireo					1 Waterton 9/21 BA FIRST COLORADO RECORD *													
Red-eyed Vireo	1 Aurora 9/10 MOS			1 Waterton 9/21 BA 9/22 JR					2		1	1	Prewitt 9/21	1 Pueblo 9/22 DG				
Warbling Vireo		1			2				2		4	4	1 Waterton 9/21 BA 9/22 JR					
(99) Golden-winged Warbler											1 Boulder 9/28 SL *							
Tennessee Warbler												3						
(152) Orange-crowned Warbler		1	1		8		4	2	14	10	22	10	2	1			1	2
(163) Nashville Warbler	1 Boulder 9/12,24 SL			1 Waterton 9/22 JR, 2-RB							1 Aurora 9/25 MOS				2		1	
Virginia's Warbler	2	4	1	Franktown 9/4 MOS		1	Bonny 9/11 BA							1	1		1	
Yellow Warbler		1			1				1	2	1	2	1		1			
Magnolia Warbler									1	Boulder 9/28 SL					1			
(106) Black-throated Blue Warbler						1			1		1	1	Pueblo 9/22 DAG	1	Boulder 9/28			
Myrtle Warbler			1				8		8		1		77		3		6	SL
Audubon's Warbler		2		2	3		6		11	2	49	6			52	3	2	28
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1								1	Pueblo 9/29 DAG								
Townsend's Warbler			1	1	21	4	2		28		30	1	3	3+	Pueblo 9/7-27 DAG			
(111) Chestnut-sided Warbler	1 Waterton 9/22 BA,JR			1 Aurora 9/24 MOS					1 Lakewood 9/29 JC								1	
Bay-breasted Warbler											1 Lakewood 9/28-29 JC *							
Blackpoll Warbler												1	1 Aurora 9/30 MOS					
(114) Palm Warbler									1			1						
Ovenbird									1 Holbrook Lake 9/8 HK									
Northern Waterthrush		1							1 Prewitt Reservoir 9/22 JR									
MacGillivray's Warbler		2	2		2	1		1	4	1	5	4	2		1			1
(145) Common Yellowthroat		24		4	3		9	6	22	40	25	20		6	7			
Yellow-breasted Chat		1																
(119) Hooded Warbler									1 Pueblo 9/13 CG *									
Wilson's Warbler		25	6	4	11	10	12	40	77	71	276	137	25	6	225	1		
American Redstart		1			2		1		3	3	1	4		1	Boulder 9/28 SL			
House Sparrow		114	8	5	85	40	190		320	239	322	584		7	540	15	15	20
Western Meadowlark	1	110	50	8	26	118	34	15	201	145	175	112		10	230	15	19	34
Yellow-headed Blackbird		200					22	45	67	622	4029	417	1		5	2		2
Red-winged Blackbird		662	8	200	9	5	217	300	831	1361	844	948		16	5200	100		36
Baltimore Oriole		2																
Bullock's Oriole	1										1	1			1			
Brewer's Blackbird		45				26			26	11	229	6	40		75	15		
Common Grackle		33	2	2	4	3	3		12	63	517	229		4	112			18
Brown-headed Cowbird		16													1		1	
Western Tanager	3	5	1		4	3		1	8	2	5	18		1	1			
Black-headed Grosbeak		1	1	Lakewood 9/3,25 JC				1	1			2			1			
Blue Grosbeak		2			1	1			2									
Indigo Bunting		2											1 Waterton 9/22 JR					
Lazuli Bunting	1	2	1		1	1			2		2	8			2			
Cassin's Finch	2 Pine Junction 9/2 DH																	
House Finch	55	38			1				1	2	12	30		6	150	30	9	
Pine Siskin	35	27			1				1	4	3		5					
American Goldfinch		2	6		3	2	2	2	9	14	12	6		12	16	10	12	6
(144) Lesser Goldfinch	17	5						1	1		3	1	8	Waterton	4 9/22 JR			
Green-tailed Towhee	4	2	1	2	3		1	2	8	4	26	10	3		11		1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	19	5				2			2		5	1		8	1		1	

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SPECIES																		
Brown Towhee		1													38			
Lark Bunting		74	25			2			2	3	5	41			2			4
Savannah Sparrow		2	2	1	1	1		2	5	20	13	2			25			
Grasshopper Sparrow		1																
Vesper Sparrow	2	118	12	13	37	82	7	40	179	159	516	156	7		450	1	7	20
Lark Sparrow	2	18	25					3	3	3	6	18	3		10			4
(143) Rufous-crowned Sparrow															2			
Slate-colored Junco								1	1									
Oregon Junco 1 Prewitt Res 9/12 BA						1			1		6	1 Muir Springs 9/21 1 Aurora 9/3(						
Gray-headed Junco		1								1	1		27	1 Boulder 9/27		SLMOS		
Spizella, Sp.	150	226			21	55		15	91				46					
Tree Sparrow												1 Boulder 9/27		SL				
Chipping Sparrow	30	42	1	2	23	2	26	3	46	87	137	240	1	8	11	5		6
Clay-colored Sparrow	2	20	1	1	13	1			15	39	98	26			62			
Brewer's Sparrow	5	32	3		24	4	4		32	3	37	19	30		150			
White-crowned Sparrow		1		1		4		5	10	27	22	4	25	3	3	3	6	6
White-throated Sparrow							1 Waterton 9/22 JR					1 Jackson Reservoir 9/29 JR						
Fox Sparrow (140)													1					
Lincoln's Sparrow		2			2				2	3	5	5	2		3			
Song Sparrow		2	1	2	4	2	11	5	24	25	26	33		4	10		2	
Longspur, SP.						5			5									
McCown's Longspur		2	50															
Lapland Longspur														4				
(141) Smith's Longspur 1 CCRA 9/5 BA *				300 *					20 Pawnee National Grassland 9/9 BA *									
Chestnut-collared Longspur		2	25		1 Washington County 9/10													
TOTAL SPECIES 240	28	161	70	44	103	84	64	73	138	113 (178)	150	134	40	144	42	31	33	60

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(93) WHITE-EYED VIREO REPORTED BY BOB ANDREWS: He reports he observed the bird for about 15 minutes at Waterton about 11:30 PM with an overcast sky at distances from 20-40 feet in a cottonwood-willow thicket. Field marks observed were forehead, crown, upperparts, head and back olive-green; no streaking on the back, but with 2 yellowish wingbars; spectacles yellow, with the lores appearing more conspicous than the eyering part of the spectacles; iris white; sides yellowish; throat and center of breast and belly white; had a heavy vireo bill and relatively slower movements typical of vireos.

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NOVEMBER 2, Saturday. Waterton Area. Bob Buttery, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center, S. Logan and US 285 at 8:00 AM for carpool, then meet leader at Waterton Bridge. #

3, Sunday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. Robert Andrews, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 8:00 AM #

9, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 AM. #

10, Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM. ½ day.

16, Lower Bear Creek. Sadie Morrison, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM #

17, Cherry Creek Reservoir. Kathryn Whipple, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 AM for carpool. Meet leader at west gate. ½ day lunch optional.

23, Saturday. McClellan Reservoir and Plum Creek. Robert Reed, Leader. Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 AM and carpool. Meet leader at the reservoir. #

24, Sunday. Jackson and Prewitt Reservoirs, Sophia Bogart, Leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 8:00 AM. #

30, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, Clear Creek, South Platte, Eastlake. David Hutchinson, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM. #

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November 26, 1974
"On and Around A Prairie Marsh"
by
Dick Fennelly

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

OCTOBER 1974 FIELD TRIPS

OCTOBER 3, Thursday. Crow Valley Park. (Clear, warm. 4 hours) Jeanne A. Conry, Bruce Webb. (28 Species)

5, Saturday. Lakes NW of Denver: Sloan's, Hidden, Standley, Valmont, Sawhill Ponds, Union Reservoir. Bob Spencer, Leader.(Clear to partly cloudy, 45-60°. 10 hours) Warren Finch, Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Floyd Pendell, Mary Robinson, Mary Jane Schock, Vito Tursi, Esther Waddill(Amarillo, Tex.), Judy Ward, Bruce Webb, Katherine and Ken Whipple. (43 Species)

6, Sunday. Castlewood Dam, Elizabeth. Merle Barbour and Jane Newcomb, Leaders. (Clear, chilly. 7½ hours) John and Joyce Cooper, Eric Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Scott O'Keeffe. (38 Species)

12, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Poured rain all day, muddy. 6½ hours) Dick and Mary Fennelly, Mary Robinson. (31 Species)

12-13, Saturday and Sunday. Two Buttes back to Rocky Ford. (Saturday, rain; Sunday, sunny) Ed and Martha Curry, David Griffiths, Carolyn Simpson, Elinor Wills, Observers. (88 Species)

12-13, Saturday and Sunday. Bonny Dam. (Saturday, cloudy, rain; Sunday, sunny, light wind) Hugh and Urling Kingery, Observers. (73 Species)

13, Sunday. Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, Leader. (Fair, warm. 3¼ hours) Don and matthew Mabey. (19 Species)

19, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek to Morrison along Foothills to Willow Springs Ranch and Lakes in Area. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (Sunny, no breeze, 60-80°. 7 hours) Christine Bonney, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Hazel Kellogg, Cecily Mellor, Scott O'Keeffe, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (43 Species)

20, Sunday. Barr and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt and Ralph Sargent, Leaders. (Clear. 45-72°. 8 hours) Ward Chadwick, Lori Chappell, Jeanne Conry, John and Joyce Cooper, Dick Fennelly, Warren Finch, Cathy Houlihan, Haruko Ishiyama, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Robinson, Joe Roller, Doug and Judy Ward, Bruce Webb. (56 Species)

26, Saturday. Boulder. Paul Julian, Leader. (Clear, beautiful. 8 hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Tilk Carter, Carol Cushmal, Steve Larson, Thompson Marsh, Ruth and Warner Reeser, Katherine Paullus, Helen Tripp, Dean and Helen Valentine. (57 Species)

27, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. JackReddall, Leader. (Clear becoming overcast. 43°. 10 ½ hours) Bob Andrews, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Bob Glover, Scott O'Keeffe, Joe Roller, Ralph Sargent, Bruce Webb. (89 Species)

28, Monday. C.F&I Lakes to Colorado City, Lake Isabel, Beulah, Pueblo. (AM, Cool, some rain to warm, sunny, PM. (8 hours) David Griffiths, Carolyn Simpson, Observers. (67 Species)

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OCTOBER	3	5	6	12	12-13	12-13	13	19	19	20	26	27	28
AREA	CVP	NWL	CDE	PNG	TBRF	BONN	RRP	LBC	WSR	BMHL	BOUL	PJR	PUEB
HABITAT		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	
SPECIES													
Common Loon	1 Sloan's L 10/22 JC	2 Boulder 10/27, 3 10/28 BB	2 CCRA 10/28 MOS									6	
(2) Arctic Loon												1 *	
(4) Red-necked Grebe							2 Boulder 10/29 SL *						
Horned Grebe	1 Boulder 10/13,24,25,27; 30 10/28BB	2			25	CCRA 10/28 MOS				1	12	2	2
Eared Grebe	1 Boulder 10/4, 24BB	1				1							10
Western Grebe		32			6	4		1		6	45	270	12
Pied-billed Grebe		10		1	10	10		2			50	2	
White Pelican	1 Holbrook Res.(n of Swink) 10/6-7 DS											550	
Double-crested Cormorant					3	55				1		39	
Great Blue Heron		1			77	15				3	3	8	1
Black-crowned Night Heron	9 Boulder 10/5; 3 10/6 BB												
American Bittern	1 CCRA 10/1 RG					2				1 Boulder 10/28 BB			
Canada Goose		238			8					82	250	2	
Snow Goose					x				20 Holbrook Res 10/27 DS				
Ducks, Sp.						800							
Mallard		18			20	130		10		200	70	3400	65
Gadwall		2			30	16		50		210	15	135	75
Pintail					200	5		2		140	5	80	50
Green-winged Teal					25	10		2		8		120	30
Blue-winged Teal		8			8	18		3		2	4		1
American Widgeon		1				100		25		420	350	150	105
Shoveler		6				10		5		11		2	40
Redhead		30				50		4			350	1	30
Ring-necked Duck		10									200	1	25
Canvasback		2	6 Holbrook Res 10/6 DS							15	4	4	15
Lesser Scaup			6 Boulder 10/13 BB		40								42
Common Goldeneye	8 Holbrook Res 10/6 DS						(3 Barr L 10/26 BA					13	
Bufflehead			5 Henry's Lake 10/14 JC				2			20	14	17	6
(23) White-winged Scoter	(1 Boulder 10/24-31 SL 1 Boulder 10/24,25,28 BB 1 Boulder 10/25JC 1												
(24) Surf Scoter	1 Cheraw 10/6 JR; 1 10/7 DG (9 Boulder 10/24,25 BB 10/31 SL 5 10/25 JR											9	1
Ruddy Duck		6			110	30					13	6	60	60
Hooded Merganser							(1 Bowmar 10/14 JC			8 Boulder 10/31 SL			
Common Merganser												8	
Red-breasted Merganser	(4 Boulder 10/24 SL; 10/25 BB JC; 10/27 BB 9 10/28 BB										4		
Turkey Vulture	1 Boulder 10/4						7 Westminster 10/20 DH)						
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 1 Boulder 10/10 BB				1								
Cooper's Hawk	1 Boulder 10/1,21 BB												
Red-tailed Hawk		2	5	2	5	7					12	1	11	3
Harlan's Hawk													1
Broad-winged Hawk										1 Boulder 10/30 SL			
Swainson's Hawk		2	1 Arsenal 10/6 BA)										
Rough-legged Hawk		4		5		3		1			1		6
Ferruginous Hawk				1	1				1	1 Arsenal 10/20 BL			1
Golden Eagle				3	2			2					1a
Bald Eagle					1 Cherry Creek(Glendale 10/24 HK								9
Marsh Hawk		2	3	1	7	12					7	1	6	2
Prairie Falcon			1		1	2	1 Barr L 10/20 BL						2	1
(29) Peregrine Falcon					1 Boulder 10/11 SL									
Pigeon Hawk	1 Cheraw 10/6 JR				1		1 Barr L 10/20 BL							
Sparrow Hawk		1	2	1	15			1		2		7	10
Blue Grouse			2 Genessee 10/21 JC				1 Douglas Mountain 10/28 PE						
Bobwhite					1								
Scaled Quail					45								15
Ring-necked Pheasant				1		27		1		7		1	
Chukar										12			
Sandhill Crane	50 Holbrook Res 10/12 DS				205	400	Orchard 9/28 WR	150	CCRA 10/14 MOS		425		1
Virginia Rail	3 Boulder 10/5 BB				1							2	
(15B) Sora	1 Boulder 10/5 BB												
American Coot		18		150	150	900		75		420	60	35	75
Semipalmated Plover										3 NEW LATE RECORD			
Killdeer		8		50	1			10		24	15	4	
(37) American Golden Plover	1 Hidden Lake 10/5-6 JAC,BW											1	
Black-bellied Plover	7 Jackson Res 10/6 BA						2 Barr L 10/26 BA						
Common Snipe					2			18		13	3	5	
Spotted Sandpiper	1 Boulder 10/1,4 BB												
Solitary Sandpiper					3 Barr Lake 10/19 BA NEW LATE RECORD								
Willet					2	CCRA 10/14 MOS							
Greater Yellowlegs	1 Boulder 10/1,210/6 BB				2					1			
Lesser Yellowlegs		5			20			1		11			
(41) Knot			1 * NEW LATE RECORD										
Baird's Sandpiper							3 Barr L 10/20 BL						
Least Sandpiper		2			20					3			
Long-billed Dowitcher		6			15	2	2 CCRA 10/14 MOS					14	
Stilt Sandpiper	50 Jackson Res 10/6 BA												
Western Sandpiper	1 Jackson Res 10/6				3								
American Avocet		19			40	50 Holbrook Res 10/12,27DS		1					

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HABITAT		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	
SPECIES													
Herring Gull												2	
California Gull										2		1	
Ring-billed Gull		394			5	150		2		5	25	130	18
Franklin's Gull		1122			2100	345				7150	15	210	
Bonaparte's Gull	200 Holbrook Res 10/6 DS					5						8	2
Sabine's Gull	1 Cheraw 10/6 JR	2 CCRA 10/11 JC		2 CCRA		1 10/12 BA		1 Baseline L 1/8-10 PJ					
Forster's Tern						2							
Rock Dove		24			15	2	40	15		14		90	40
Mourning Dove		6		3	10	2	8 Highline Canal 10/21 HK				2	4	12
Screech Owl	1										1		
Great Horned Owl	1				3	2				3		1	
Pygmy Owl							1 Douglas Mountain 10/28 PE						
Long-eared Owl	14 Boulder 10/6 BB, 1 Boulder 10/6 SL												
Poorwill					3								
Belted Kingfisher		1		1	4	3		1		1	2	1	
Common Flicker						75					6		
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1							1 Barr L 10/20 BL				1	
Red-shafted Flicker	3	4	7	2			5	7		14		18	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker						1							
Lewis' Woodpecker			1										
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					1								
Williamson's Sapsucker	1 Genessee Mountain Park 10/2 JC												
Hairy Woodpecker					1	1	2 Pine Jct. 10/20 DH			1	1	1	1
Downy Woodpecker	1				1	3	2		1	2	4	5	2
Ladder-backed Woodpecker					4								
Eastern Kingbird				1									
Eastern Phoebe			1										
Empidonax, Sp	1 Barr L 10/5 BA										1 NEW LATE RECORD		
Least Flycatcher	1 Waterton 10/6 JAC, BW NEW LATE RECORD												
Western Wood Pewee	1 SE Denver 10/ BA												
Horned Lark			13	200	35	111				4		118	25
Barn Swallow	12 Jackson Res 10/6 BA	2 CCRA 10/14 MOS				3					3 Boulder 10/25 BB		1
Gray Jay					3 Pine Jct 10/20 DH								2
Blue Jay	3 SW Denver All month DH	1			2	14	1 Westminster 10/20 DH				2	6	2
Steller's Jay									1		2		6
Scrub Jay			6				3		2				4
Black-billed Magpie	1	29	21	3	5	45	4	8	2	28	25	19	21
Common Raven	1 Boulder foothills 10/2,20,23,24 BB												2
Common Crow				4	2	8					15	11	2
Black-capped Chickadee			7			16	3	5	2	6	10	27	
Mountain Chickadee	1 Boulder foothills 10/1,2; 30 10/20; 6 10/21 BB												6
White-breasted Nuthatch	1 Boulder Foothills 10/2,13; 4 10/24 BB											2	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		3	1 Barr L 10/5 BA		1 Boulder foothills 10/2;10 10/20 BB							8
Pygmy Nuthatch	3 Pine Jct 10/13 DH	1 Boulder foothills 10/2,21,23; 8 10/24 BB											
Brown Creeper	1	3 Boulder10/1-31 BB		1	1 Barr L 10/19,26 BA							4	
Dipper	1-3 Boulder 10/7,14,23,26,27,29 BB										2		2
House Wren	1 Jackson Res 10/6 BA			1		2 Barr L 10/20 BL							
Winter Wren	1 Boulder 10/25 SL		1 Barr L 10/26 BA						1 Boulder 10/29 BB				
Bewick's Wren				5									
Carolina Wren	1 Boulder 10/5,7,13 AM			1 Boulder 10/6,7,27 BB		1 Boulder 10/1-31 SL	1						
Long-billed Marsh Wren	1 Boulder 10/5 SL			6									
Canon Wren	1 Boulder foothills 10/2,20 BB			4		1							
Rock Wren		3	2		2		1 Aurora 10/10-13 MOS						
Mockingbird										1			
Brown Thrasher						1							
Sage Thrasher			1	1									
Robin		7	55	9	8	97	16			1	4	18	20
Varied Thrush	2 Colorado University Campus 10/7 BW												
Hermit Thrush					1 Barr L 10/20 BL			1	1 Boulder 10/25 JR				
Swainson's Thrush				1									
Eastern Bluebird												5	
Mountain Bluebird	3		35	50	22		27 Sedalia 10/20 DH						15
Townsend's Solitaire			7	3		2	4	1					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					1 Barr L 10/19 BA NEW LATE RECORD)								
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2 Stapleton Dr. 10/2 JC					1	1 Boulder foothills 10/23,24 BB					12	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	25		5	1	5	1	3				18	27	
Water Pipit	2 Boulder 10/5; 9 10/6 BB				1	1				16		10	
Cedar Waxwing	5	2 Aurora 10/8 MOS				3	1 Waterton 10/20 BR					1	
Northern Shrike	1 Highline Canal 10/28 HK												
Loggerhead Shrike													2
Starling	40	62	45	40	150	100			10		84	775	50
Solitary Vireo	1 Boulder 10/14 BB		1 Lower Bearcreek 10/23 MJS; 10/24 MOS							1 Boulder 10/26 JR			
Warbling Vireo	1 Barr L 10/5 BA		1 Jackson Res 10/6 BA										
Black and White Warbler	1											1	
Tennessee Warbler						1 Boulder 10/25 SL NEW LATE RECORD)							
Orange-crowned Warbler	15 1 Aurora 10/3,18 MOS	3 1 Boulder 10/1,6,7; 2 10/6,13; 3 10/15 BB											
	10 Waterton 10/20 HK	1 Boulder 10/26 JR											

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HABITAT		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	
SPECIES													
(103) Nashville Warbler	2 Waterton 10/20 HK			1 Boulder 10/23-31 SL; 1 10/23,27; 2 10/29BB			3					1	
Virginia's Warbler						1							
Magnolia Warbler	1 Lakewood 10/18 JC			1 Boulder 10/20-23 SL			1 Boulder 10/23 BB					1	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 Jackson Res 10/6 BA			1 Boulder 10/14,20 BB,SL 10/23 BW								1	
Myrtle Warbler	10	1 Boulder 10/6,14 BB		1								1	
Audubon's Warbler	50				20		4	1	2	4		7	
Yellow-rumped Warbler			2			59					4		
Townsend's Warbler					1	1 Boulder 10/14 BB							
(107) Black-throated Green Warbler	5 Boulder Cr 10/23					1 Boulder 10/25 SL					4 NW of Pueblo 10/25 DS		
Blackburnian Warbler		1 Boulder 10/20 SL *				1 Boulder 10/29 BB * FIRST FALL RECORDS							
(111) Chestnut-sided Warbler		1 Boulder 10/9 AM NEW LATE RECORD											
Bay-breasted Warbler												1	
Blackpoll Warbler						1 Aurora 10/19 MOS NEW LATE RECORD							
(114) Palm Warbler	1 SE Denver 10/4 BA					1 Barr L 10/19 BA							
MacGillivray's Warbler		1 Boulder 10/6,7,14 BB				1							
(145) Yellowthroat		1 Boulder 10/6										1	
Wilson's Warbler	6		1			1	2 Boulder 10/6; 3 10/7 BB						
American Redstart	1 Colorado University Campus 10/23 BW					1 Boulder 10/25 SL NEW LATE RECORD							
House Sparrow		6	15	30	40	175		8		14	8	130	75
Western Meadowlark	35	12	45	30	30	163	2	10		21	12	46	41
Yellow-headed Blackbird						1							1
Red-winged Blackbird		124		13	800	5000				490	50	2275	325
Rusty Blackbird						(1 Boulder 10/24 SL						1	1
Brewer's Blackbird		103			25	80						15	60
Common Grackle		3			6			3		500		1	2
Brown-headed Cowbird		72			5	2 Boulder 10/13)							
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 Barr L 10/5 BA												
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 Lakewood 10/1 JC					1 SE Denver 10/4 BA)							
Evening Grosbeak													100
Cassin's Finch											1		
House Finch	1	5	15		6				4	13	15	4	
Pine Grosbeak	3 Genessee Mountain Park 10/21 JC												6
Pine Siskin							12						45
American Goldfinch			12		6	4					3	7	
(144) Lesser Goldfinch	1 Pueblo 10/1-27 DG												
Green-tailed Towhee			1	1 SE DEnver 10/4 BA									
Rufous-sided Towhee	3		5		1	6	5	1 Lakewood 10/28 JC					
Brown Towhee	1 Pueblo all month DG				3								2
Savannah Sparrow			1										
(134) Baird's Sparrow						1 Boulder 10/29 SL) * NEW LATE RECORD							
Vesper Sparrow	1	4	4			3			4 Boulder foothills 10/24 BB				
Lark Sparrow						1 Waterton 10/20 HK) NEW LATE RECORD							
Slate-colored Junco	2		1			4			1	1	1	10	5
Oregon Junco	4			3	2	5	2	6	4	4	4	36	6
Gray-headed Junco			2			2	1				2		8
Tree Sparrow			1							1	15	8	4
Chipping Sparrow	10		8		8	3	12	4 Barr L 10/26 BA					
Clay-colored Sparrow	8		3	1 Pueblo 10/3 DG									
Brewer's Sparrow	Several N of Pueblo 10/6 DG					2 Boulder 10/14 BB							
Field Sparrow						2							
Harris' Sparrow					2	7	(3 Barr L 10/26 BA					2	
White-crowned Sparrow	10			32	40	178	7	2		3	2	11	21
White-throated Sparrow	5 Jackson Res 10/5 BA					5	1 Wheatridge 10/14 PE		1 W Chicago Cr 10/17 JC				
	1 Olson Rd Grove 10/25 DS					1 Boulder 10/26 BB							
(140) Fox Sparrow						1 Barr L 10/20 BL							
Lincoln's Sparrow	1 Boulder 10/5,6 BB				3	1 Aurora 10/18 MOS		1 Barr L 10/19 BA					
Swamp Sparrow	(1 Boulder 10/5 SL				5	3	1 Jackson Res 10/6 BA?						
Song Sparrow		2		1	5	13		2		2	8	4	4
McCown's Longspur						2							
Lapland Longspur												2	
(141) Smith's Longspur	1 Pawnee National Grassland 10/3 JAC,BW					1 Pawnee National Grassland 10/6 BA *							
TOTAL SPECIES 207	28	43	38	31	88	73	19	36	11	56	57	89	67

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CORRECTIONS: October Bulletin: Volume 10, Number 1. 1 White-eyed Vireo Waterton was the SECOND STATE RECORD. 2 observers, Lucille and Norma Stone should be added to the Barr Lake, Arsenal group of the Fourth Annual Fall Count on September 14, 1974.

DECEMBER 1974 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1, Sunday. Evergreen Area. Bill and Sylvia Brockner, Leaders. Meet at the Old Post Office in Evergreen at 8:30 A.M. #

7, Saturday. Christmas Count Scouting Trips.
Lower South Platte: Call Leader, Bob Reed 795-9522
Middle South Platte East: Call Leader, Hugh Kingery 333-0161
Plum Creek: Call Leader, Ray Olson 424-6823
Lower Deer Creek: Call Leader, Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
Upper Deer Creek: Meet at the Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 AM, Sue Merrick, Leader #
North Turkey Creek: Meet at the Tiny Town General Store at 8:00 AM, Bob Buttery, Leader #
Indian Hills: Call Leader, Edna Clare Thomas 674-5345

8, Sunday. Christmas Count Scouting Trips.
Red Rocks. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. Don Thatcher, Leader
McClellan Reservoir: Call Leader, Bob Andrews 756-5553
Middle South Platte West: Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 1:00 PM. David Hutchinson, Leader.
Double Head Mountain: Call Leader, Bruce Webb 442-3798
Ken-Caryl Ranch: Call Christine Bonney, 322-1808 or 388-8542. Sophia Bogart, Leader.

Other Denver Christmas Count Scouting Trips:
Yegge Park: Call Leader, Nancy Hurley 757-0837
Upper Bear Creek: Call Leader, Bill Brockner 674-4851
Willow Creek: Call leader, Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
Willow Springs: Call leader, Mildred Snyder 366-7610

14, Saturday. DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT. Dawn or before to dusk or after. We will divide into several groups to count all the birds we can within our 15 mile diameter circle. We encourage all DFO members and friends to come along with one of the groups. We need beginners through experts. Come out for as long as you can, ½ day is fine. National Audubon Charges $2.00 for the first member of a family who are not American Birds subscribers. For this fee you will receive a copy of the Christmas Count American Birds, A $3.50 value. If you are an American Birds subscriber the feeis $1.00. Other family members and subsequent counts, the fee is also $1.00. Call leaders for arrangements, or David Hutchinson, 428-3922 or Hugh Kingery, 333-0161, if you would like to know which group needs observers. We will meet at the Bear Valley, Wyatt's Cafeteria, Hampden Avenue and South Sheridan Boulevard to eat and compile at 5:30 PM. Everyone is invite to come to the compilation dinner whether they participate in the count or not.

AREA	LEADER	PHONE
1 - Red Rocks	Don Thatcher	455-7479
2 - Lower Bear Creek	Sadie Morrison	388-1488
3 - Marston - Bowles Lakes	Harold Holt	936-8845
4 - Lower South Platte	Robert Reed	795-9522
4A- McClellan Reservoir	Bob Andrews	756-5553
5 - Middle South Platte East	Hugh Kingery	333-0161
5A- Middle South Platte West	David Hutchinson	428-3922
5B- Plum Creek	Ray Olson	424-6823
6 - Upper South Platte	Cal Royall	985-7295
7 - Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson	757-7000
7A- Upper Deer Creek	Sue Merrick	355-7126
8A- Yegge Peak	Nancy Hurley	757-o837
8B- Double Head Mountain	Bruce Webb	442-3798
9 - North Turkey Creek	Bob Buttery	986-0698
10- Upper Bear Creek	Bill Brockner	674-4851
10A-Indian Hills	Edna Clare Thomas	674-5345
11- Willow Creek	Patty Echelmeyer	233-4947
11A-Willow Springs	Mildred Snyder	366-7610
11B-Ken-Caryl Ranch	Sophia Bogart(Call Christine Bonney	322-1808 388-8542

14, Saturday. Colorado Springs Christmas Count. Contact Mrs. Harry B. Wills, 540 Asbury Place, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906. Phone: 1-634-5122.

14, Saturday. Fort Collins Christmas Count. Contact Dr. Ronald Ryder, Dept. Fishery & Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523. Phone: Office: 1-4916547 Home: 1-482-8089.

14, Saturday. Longmont, Foothills Audubon Club. Contact Dick Esposito 10 Longs Peak, Longmont, Colorado 80501. Phone 1-772-1012 or Ron Harden 1440 W. 29th, Loveland, Colorado 80537. Phone 1-667-4977

15, Sunday. Boulder. Contact Dick Weppner, 1491 High St., Boulder, Colorado 80302 Phone 443-7933. DFO members and friends are invited to participate in the Boulder Count this year.

15, Sunday. Grand Junction Christmas Count. Contact Mrs. Robert Gustafson, 110 Vista Grande Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501 Phone 1-243-1772.

DECEMBER 1974 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 15, Sunday. Spanish Peaks Christmas Count. Contact David Griffiths, 17 Solar Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81005 Phone 1-561-2974.

21, Saturday. Pueblo Christmas Count. Meet at the Ramada Inn Parking Lotat 7:30 AM. Contact David Griffiths, 17 Solar Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81005. Phone 1-561-2974

21, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Meet at Park Headquarters at 8:00 AM. Contact John Douglass, Park Naturalist, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado 80517 or Dr. Ronald Ryder, Dept. Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins 80525 Phone 1-482-8089, home or 491-6547, Office.

23, Monday. Weldona Christmas Count. Contact Don Thatcher, 2916 Perry St., Denver, Colorado 80212 Phone: 455-7479.

23, Monday. Westcliffe Christmas Count. Contact Van Truan,2510 Elizabeth Pueblo, ColoradO 81003 Phone 1-543-2959. Meet at 6:00 AM at the Holiday Inn(North Pueblo, I 25 and US 50.

26, Thursday. Nunn Christmas Count. Meet at the Pawnee Site Headquarters, NE of Nunn. Contact Clait Braun, 1409 Patton, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521 Phone: Home 1-493-2841 or Office 1-484-2836.

28, Saturday. Evergreen-Idaho Springs Christmas Count. Contact Edna Clare Thomas, 674-5345.

28, Saturday. Bonny Christmas Count. Contact Paul Julian 499-9107. Meet at the motel in Idalia at daylight.

28, Saturday. Lake Isabel. Christmas Count. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Holiday Inn (North Pueblo. I-25 and US 50). Contact Van Truan, 2510 Elizabeth, Pueblo, Colorado 81003 Phone 1-543-2959. Dress warmly, mountain area.

29, Sunday. Gunnison Christmas Count. Contact Mrs. Tom Harriss, 119 Floresto,Gunnison Colorado 81230

31, Tuesday. Pikes Peak Christmas Count . Contact Hugh Kingery. Phone 333-0161.

Durango Christmas Count. No date has been set. For further information. Contact Richard Stransky, 175 W. 29th, Durango, Colorado 81301 Phone 1-247-8138 or Elva Fox, 53 Rio Vista Circle, Durango, Colorado 81301 Phone 1-247-5890.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 14, 1974
Christmas Count Compilation Dinner

5:30 P.M. Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center, S. Sheridan and Hampden

NOVEMBER 1974 FIELD TRIPS

NOVEMBER 2, Saturday. Waterton. Bob Buttery, Leader. (Low overcast, 40-42°, wind NE 1-5 mph. 6 houra) Patty Echelmeyer, Bob Frye, David Hutchinson, Eric Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Cicelly Mellor, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (32 Species)

3, Union Reservoir, Berthoud, Baseline Reservoir. Bob Andrews, Leader. (Cold, snowing most of the day. 8½ hours) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Bill and Billy Lybarger, Scott O'Keeffe, Judy Ward. (58 Species)

9, Union Reservoir and Vicinity. Nancy Hurley, Leader. (Moderate weather. 8 hours) Christine Bonney, Vi and Henry Bossman, Ruth Wheeler. (37 Species)

10, Sunday. Field Trip Cancelled.

16, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek and Lakes of Area. Sadie Morrison, Leader. (No wind, warm and sunny. 6½ hours) John and Joyce Cooper, Juanita Craig, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Ruth Wheeler, (43 Species)

17, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Kathryn Whipple, Leader. (Sunny, clear, 32-60°. 4½ hours) Merle Barbour, Mary Cornelius, Ken Whipple, (24 Species)

17, Berthoud, Weldon's, Chasteen's Grove, Union Reservoir, Valmont Reservoir, RR Grove (Clear. 60°. Calm) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Edie Trimmer. (48 Species)

23, McClellan Reservoir. Robert Reed, Leader. (35-45°. Snow AM to partly cloudy PM. Little wind. 6 hours) Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (25 Species)

24, Boulder, Mt. Sanitas Greenbelt, CU Campus. Sophia Bogart, Leader. (Clear. 50°. wind 0-3 mph) Edie Trimmer. (19 Species)

30, Sloan's Lake, Clear Creek Green Belt. South Platte River. David Hutchinson, Leader. (8-24°. Partly cloudy. 7 hours) Cecily Mellor, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (35 Species)

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TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS, USING THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS AREA CHECKLIST OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHECKLIST, OR IN CHECKLIST ORDER, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER EACH TRIP TO DAVID HUTCHINSON, 9141 STUART ST., WESTMINSTER, COLORADO 80030. PHONE: 428-3922. PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR IF A TRIP IS CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON. DEADLINE FOR REPORTS IS THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH. REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS HAVE THE SAME DEADLINE. PLEASE KEEP THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS COMING IN AS WE WANT TO HAVE AS COMPLETE A BULLETIN AS POSSIBLE.

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested cost is 6¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND UNDELIVERED BULLETINS: Please notify your editor of any change of address or any issue of The Lark Bunting which are not received.

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ATTENTION: NEEDED FIELD TRIP LEADERS. IF WILLING TO LEAD A FIELD TRIP DURING FEBRUARY, MARCH OR APRIL, CONTACT FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN, RAY OLSON, PHONE: 424-6823.

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CORNELL NESTING RECORD CARDS: Be thinking about nesting records as we have already had the first nesting record during the Denver Christmas count. A Red Crossbill was found on Double Head Mountain with 2 eggs.. If interested in participating during the coming nesting season, contact Nancy Hurley, 1875 S. Adams ST., Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone 757-0837.

NOVEMBER	2	3	9	16	16	17	17	23	24	30
AREA	WAT	UBRB	URAV	LBC		CCR	BBLL	MR	BOUL	NWD
HABITAT		PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS

Arctic Loon 1 * 1 Union Res. 11/3-30 BA SL * x* 1* MJS
1 Boyd Lake 11/19 JR * PJ 1 East Res. 11/29 RW,SM; 11/30SM

Common Loon 1 1 CFI Lakes 11/10 DG,CS
Horned Grebe 22 200 x
Eared Grebe 7 2 1 Walsenburg 11/24 DG
Western Grebe 11 6 x 1 CCRA 11/27 BA
Pied-billed Grebe 31 4 3 x 1 1
White Pelican 104 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR
Double-crested Cormorant 3 Lake Meredith 11/12 DG 1 Prewitt Reservoir 11/23 BA
Great Blue Heron 3 5 75 Lake Meridith11/12 DG, 2, 11/24 SB
Cattle Egret 1 Union Reservoir 11/17 HH LATE RECORD
Whistling Swan 8 CCRA 11/11 JR 2 Boulder 11/16 BA,SL 3 11/17 BA 6 Boyd L 11/17 BA, 7 11/19 JR
1 immature Walsenburg 11/28 DG, SB
Canada Goose 122 10 750 50 x 13 9 188
White-fronted Goose 1 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR 2 Valmont Reservoir 11/12 SL
Snow Goose 2 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR 1 Valmont Reservoir 11/16 SL x 2 Boulder 11/21 MOS
1 Swayder's Field 11/30 SM

Mallard	18	208	30	30	12	x	26		425
Gadwall	2	18	50	25					2
Pintail		61		7					48
Green-winged Teal		106		10	4-10 CCGB All Month PR				2
American Widgeon	3	223	15	8			6		23
Shoveler		3		15					160
Wood Duck	1 CCGB 11/2 PR			4 Pueblo All Month DG		1 McLellan Reservoir 11/24 RS			
Redhead	75	60	15	6		x			35
Ring-necked Duck	1			7					235
Canvasback		50	30	4 Walsenburg 11/24 DG					
Lesser Scaup						x			16
Common Goldeneye		13	50	1	3	x			105
Barrow's Goldeneye	2 Union Reservoir 11/9 SL								
Bufflehead		8	15	30		x			
White-winged Scoter		1	1 Boulder11/2 JR 1 Baseline Lake 11/1-16 SL						
Surf Scoter		9	9 Boulder 11/2 JR, Baseline Lake 11/1-16 SL						
Ruddy Duck		9	1	1	10 CCRA 11/30 BA				3
Hooded Merganser	2 Lake Minnequa, Pueblo 11/9 DG,CS 1 Marston 11/30 BA								
Common Merganser						x			
Red-breast l Merganser		5		2	5 Walsenburg 11/24 DG, 1 11/28 DG				
Goshawk					1 Chasteen's Grove 11/21 MOS				
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2 imm Pueblo 11/1,9 DG 1 Wheatridge 11/2 PE					x 1 S Denver 11/22 RG			
Cooper's Hawk		1 A Rocky Ford 11/12 DG			1 imm Pueblo 11/19 DG				
Accipiter, SP.		1							
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 immature Boulder Creek 11/9,16 BA, 11/24 BA,SL *								
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1	1	1				3
Harlan's Hawk	1 Chatfield 11/2 DH		1 Muir Springs 11/8 JR		1 light phase Vaile Res 11/28BA				
Swainson's Hawk					1 Bonny Reservoir 11/29 JR				
Rough-legged Hawk		2	1		1 4 Loveland 11/21 MOS				
Ferruginous Hawk			1	2 Walsenburg 11/9 DG					
Golden Eagle	4 Pueblo 11/12, 16, 24, 28 DG								
Bald Eagle	16 Prewitt 11/23 BA			1 Barr Lake 11/28 BA					
Marsh Hawk		4	2	1	1	x	1		
Prairie Falcon				2 Pueblo to Walsenburg 11/9, 28 DG					
Sparrow Hawk	3	9	4	2	1	x	1	1	1
Scaled Quail	Several Pueblo all month DG				12 Bonny Reservoir 11/29 JR				
Bobwhite	Several Rocky Ford all month DG								
Ring-necked Pheasant		5	1		1	x			
Sandhill Crane	600 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR 200-300 Lake Meridith 11/12 DG								
Virginia Rail					1 Waterton 11/23 HK				
American Coot		274	200	3	6	x	55		
Killdeer		5			1	x	2		3
American Golden Plover	1 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR LATE RECORD								
Common Snipe				4		x			1
Lesser Yellowlegs	1 Boulder 11/9 BA 1 Longmont 11/20 PE LATE RECORD Several Holbrook L 11/12 DG								
Baird's Sandpiper	1 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR								
Least Sandpiper		6	1 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR						
Dunlin	1 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR LATE RECORD								
Long-billed Dowitcher		3	1 CCRA 11/8 MOS 1 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR						
Western Sandpiper	1 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 LATE RECORD								
American Avocet		2							
Herring Gull		1	10 Dye Reservoir 11/12 DG						
California Gull	1 Longmont 11/2 JR						1 CCRA 11/27 BA		
Ring-billed Gull		86	35	4	75	x			275
Franklin's Gull	2 Commerce City 11/7 MOS				Up to 50 CCGB all month PR				
Bonaparte's Gull		22	20				1 CCRA 11/27 BA		

LITTLE GULL 1 Union Reservoir, Longmont 11/2 JR, HH Photographed, 11/2-10 SL, 11/16 MOS
FIRST COLORADO RECORD *

Sabine's Gull 1 Union Reservoir 11/8 SL

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AREA	WAT	UBRB	URAV		LBC		CCR	BBLL	MR	BOUL	NWD
HABITAT		PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
ROck Dove	6	41		25		2		190			141
Mourning Dove		2	2-6 CCGB all month PR				2 Rocky Ford 11/12 DG				
Great Horned Owl		2									1
Pygmy Owl							1 Boulder 11/26 BC				
Short-eared Owl	Several Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge 11/23 SB 1 Lance Chance 11/29 JR										
White-throated Swift	1 Boulder, NCAR 11/27 PJ EXTREME LATE RECORD										
Belted Kingfisher	2	1		1			x				2
Yellowshafted Flicker	2 Bonny 11/29 JR										
Red-shafted Flicker	12	5	6	8			x		4		14
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1 Loveland, Photographed HH 11/19, JR, 11/21MOS						x	1 Bonny 11/29 JR			
Lewis' Woodpecker	1 Longmont 11/2 JR	2	3 Crowley 11/12 DG				x	1			
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	1	1			x		2		4
Ladder-backed Woodpecker			2 Olson Rd Grove, Pueblo 11/17 DG,CS								
Horned Lark		4				15					
Tree Swallow							1 Walsenburg 11/28 DG				
Blue Jay	Several Wheatridge all	1	1	month PE			x	1			
Scrub Jay	6										
Black-billed Magpie	44	36	12	20		7	x	65	5		307
Common Crow	1	220		1			x		5		
Blackcapped Chickadee				6	15		x	5	1		
Mountain Chickadee	12								2		
Plain Titmouse			3 Cedarwood Rd. Pueblo 11/16 DG,CS								
Common Bushtit			8 Pueblo 11/26 DG,CS								
Red-breasted Nuthatch		4 Lookout Mtn.11/16 RS						1			
Brown Creeper	2	1	1 Wheatridge all month PE				x	1	3		
	2 Boulder 11/23 RS		7 Look Out Mtn. 11/16								
Dipper			1 CCGB 11/23 PR				x				
Winter Wren	1-3 Boulder all month BA, SL,JR,RS,MOS2 Chasteen's Grove 11/17 BA 3 Waterton 11/23 HK										
Bewick's Wren			1 Pueblo 11/9, 12 DG.CS								
Carolina Wren	1 Boulder 11/8 JR, 11/11 PE										
Short-billed Marsh Wren	1 Boulder Creek 11/9 BA,SL *										
Long-billed Marsh Wren	1 Muir Springs 11/8 JR					1 Latham Reservoir 11/23 BA					
Canon Wren	2	1 Chasteen's Grove 11/17 BA					x	1 Boulder 11/23 RS			
Rock Wren	1										
Mockingbird	1 Walsenburg 11/24 DG				1 Lower Bear Creek 11/21 SM,MS						
Robin	43	1					x	1			
Wood Thrush	1 Boulder Creek 11/10-11 SL *										
Eastern Bluebird	8 Dye Reservoir 11/12 DG										
Mountain Bluebird	1										
Townsen's Solitaire	31						x				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	1 Boulder 11/22, 6 11/24 MOS 18 MT. Sanitas 11/23 BS							4		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	6 Boulder 11/22 MOS1		1 CCGB 11/24 PR					1		
Water Pipit		108							1		
Bohemian Waxwing				1 Chasteen's Grove 11/17 BAx							
Cedar Waxwing	2 Muir Springs 11/8 JR	1 Wheatridge 11/21,3 11/24 PE					x	3 Chasteen's Grove 11/17BA			
Northern Shrike				1 Colorado City 11/16 DG,CS							
Loggerhead Shrike				1 Walsenburg 11/24 DG							
Starling	12	412	50	54		6	1				395
Solitary Vireo	1 Eastern form Boulder, 11/2 JR LATE RECORD										
Magnolia Warbler	3 CCGB 11/2 PR										
Cape May Warbler	1 Waterton 11/20 FIRST FALL RECORD *										
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 Boulder 11/10,12 SL, 11/21-22 BC, 11/21,24 MOS								1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3 Chasteen's Grove 11/21 MOS										
Myrtle Warbler	5 Boulder Creek 11/2 JR										
Audubon's Warbler	1										
Townsend's Warbler	1 Boulder 11/9 PJ										
Black-throated Green Warbler	1										
Bay-breasted Warbler	1 Boulder 11/2 JR, 11/9-12 SL LATE RECORD										
Pine Warbler	1 S. Boulder Creek 11/23 RS LATE RECORD										
Painted Redstart	1 Loveland 11/17 HH Photographed, 11/18 SL,						x	11/19 JR*			
House Sparrow	65	1	10		7		36				126
Western Meadowlark	54	12	4		4	x	2				7
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1 Longmont 11/2 JR			1 CFI Lakes Pueblo 11/1-30 DG							
Red-winged Blackbird	853	100	54			x	3				18
Brewer's Blackbird			1 Barr Lake 11/28 BA								
Common Grackle					1						
Evening Grosbeak			10 CCGB 11/10 PR								
Cassin's Finch									2		
House Finch	6	20	6		25		400				26
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch			5 Green Mountain 11/14 ME								
Pine Siskin			14			x	2				2
American Goldfinch			28			x	5				
Lesser Goldfinch			1								
Rufous-sided Towhee	2	1 Wheatridge 11/13,18 PE				x	2 Boulder 11/22, 111/21MOS				
Brown Towhee			Several Pueblo all month DG								
Dark-eyed Junco					1						

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HABITAT			PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
White-winged Junco		1 Lookout Mountain 11/16 RS										
Slate-colored Junco		11			12			x	4			
Oregon Junco		11			15	3		x	12	7	1	
Gray-headed Junco		1			1			x		5		
Tree Sparrow		27	19	30	35		3		5		67	
Harris' Sparrow		1 Waterton 11/24 MOS				2 Boulder 11/25 BC						
White-crowned Sparrow		1	12		3						18	
White-throated Sparrow						1 Boulder 11/16 BA						
Fox Sparrow					1							
Swamp Sparrow				1 CU Campus 11/16 SL								
Song Sparrow		3	4	3	6		6	x			13	
Lapland Longspur		1 Jackson Reservoir 11/8 JR					3 Barr Lake 11/28 BA					
TOTAL SPECIES	157	32	59	37	42	3	24	48	25	19	35	

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* Pending acceptance of CFO Official Records Committee
CCRA Cherry Creek Recreation Area
CCGB Clear Creek Green Belt
x Species observed but no numbers reported

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JANUARY 1975 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 4, Saturday. Boulder. Robert Spencer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM #
5, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Kathryn Whipple, Leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 AM for carpool. Meet leader at west Entrance at Reservoir at 8:30 AM.
11, Saturday. North Denver Lakes. Ruth Wheeler, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00AM#
12, Sunday. Red Rocks Area. ½ day. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 AM. Don Thatcher, Leade:
18, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Patty Echelmeyer, Leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 AM. #
19, Sunday. Waterton. ½ day. David Hutchinson, Leader. Meet at Waterton Bridge at 1:00 PM.
27, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley Leader. Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:00AM. #

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